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Beginner's luck worked its magic Saturday night for assistant attorney general Tiberius Mocanu, who emerged as the grand prize winner at the 23rd Annual American Red Cross Club 200 at Fiesta Resort and Spa-Saipan.

Mocanu, who moved to the CNMI a little over a year ago with his wife, Northern Marianas College English instructor Kaitlyn Neises-Mocanu, went home $15,000 richer that night with tick-

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Assistant attorney general Tiberius Mocanu, center, receives a giant check after winning the most coveted grand prize of $15,000 at the 23rd Annual American Red Cross Club 200 at the Fiesta Resort and Spa on Saturday night. Joining him are, from right, American Red Cross NMI emergency services director JD Tenorio, executive director John Hirsh, Club 200 Committee co-chair Teresa Kim, and Docomo Pacific's Nola Hix, who sold Mocanu his winning ticket number 1384.

Rain or shine, it's cleanup time at cemeteries

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It was a cloudy and damp Saturday but As Matuis resident Doris Dueñas and her family trooped early to the Chalan Kanoa cemetery to prepare the tomb of her father, Emilio Tudela Torres, for the upcoming observance of All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

"Rain or shine, we're here every year to come and prepare his grave at least the weekend before Nov. 1 and 2," said Dueñas. "We want him to be very happy, wherever he is, just by cleaning his grave."

The Dueñas family was among the several families seen at one of the island's public cemeteries over the weekend, putting in order their deceased loved ones' graves for the Catholic holiday that honors the

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Eleven-year-old Trini Iguel and 7-year-old Rocco Flores scrub the tomb of their grandfather, Julian Attao Concepcion, at the Chalan Kanoa public cemetery on Saturday morning in preparation for All Souls' Day on Nov. 2.

TOP IMMIGRATION LAWYER SAYS:

'Several legal relief available to jobless aliens'

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A top immigration lawyer from California says jobless alien workers who are about to lose status after the Nov. 27, 2011, deadline have numerous legal relief available to them.

Ted Laguatan, legal counsel for U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance, said one example of relief that can be filed specifically for cases in the CNMI is cancellation of removal.

"The situations there are very varied. Other alien

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Vigil picks up steam

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"Occupy USCIS" out, "prayer vigil" in.

To give the foreign workers' 24-hour rally—currently entering its seventh day today at the USCIS office in Garapan—a nonviolent tone, United Workers Movement CNMI president Rabby Syed said he would rather it be called a "prayer vigil."

"'Occupy USCIS' is not a suitable name. It's more of a prayer vigil and it's a peaceful rally so

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Local

Lee hailed as Koblerville school's most outstanding teacher

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A second grade mentor has won the vote of confidence of her colleagues and was adjudged as Koblerville Elementary School's Teacher of the Year.

Damiana Lee, a mother of two, has been a classroom teacher since 2007 and was conferred the honor for the first time. This enables her to represent her peers in the Public School System's search for CNMI Teacher of the Year for 2011-2012.

"It's very overwhelming and I am very honored," she told *Saipan Tribune* Friday.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

Koblerville Elementary School principal Rizalina Purugganan, center, poses with this year's educational awardees who will vie for the overall titles next month.

Every day, the Lee attends to 16 second-graders who are her source of joy and inspiration. As with her own children, it is her goal to equip them with the basic lessons that will help them acquire a good academic foundation.

Lee said her experience with her family motivated her to become a teacher. "I come from a big family…with four brothers and five sisters. Just seeing the struggles they went through in school, it motivated me to pursue this career. …I can say they inspired me," she said.

Lee obtained her bachelor's degree from the Northern Marianas College, a decision supported by her family and relatives, many of whom are also in the same field.

For Lee, teaching is a commitment to make a difference in the lives of students. Knowing that all her students will bring home with them all the lessons they have learned from her and share them with their families is enough reward for her.

Lee said that, like any other fields of interest, teaching has its own challenges. But these challenges are what make her stronger and determined to accomplish her goal: to build a bright future for all her students.

Other awardees

Koblerville's Teacher Aide of the Year this year is George Cruz. The first-time awardee has been with the school system for four years now.

"It feels great and I want to thank my colleagues and the school management for the honor. This means so much to me," he later told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that it is his children who inspire him to become better every day.

Cruz is currently pursuing a degree in education so he could become a regular teacher. Despite the twin challenges of being a full-time student and an employee, Cruz is determined to finish his course next year.

Saipan Tribune learned that prior to joining PSS, Cruz was in the military from 2003 through 2006. He later joined the PSS Troops-to-Teachers Program, which helps service members earn their teaching degrees while working for the system. Cruz began working for Koblerville as a teacher aide in 2007 until his recent re-assignment as administrative assistant.

Cruz described his years of service to students as both enjoyable and memorable. "I learned so much from them and these lessons helped me to become a better person," he added.

Marijane Villagomez was hailed the school's Support Staff of the Year. This is her second time to receive the honor, the first time in school year 2010-2011. Villagomez joined the Umang family in November 2008 and since then, has been recognized for her hard work and dedication to her job. As a school librarian aide, she attends to the needs of hundreds of children each day.

"Being the school librarian does not limit my responsibilities. Throughout the years, I have proctored assessments, been a substitute teacher, helped coordinate extra-curricular activities, and continued my education with useful professional development workshops," she said.

Koblerville principal Rizalina Purugganan said she is very proud of all her school staff and employees, especially the three awardees who have been working beyond expectations. She said Lee, Cruz, and Villagomez serve as role models to their students and a great inspiration to all their peers and the honor is long overdue.

"They deserve to be honored not only during Education Month when we highlight the teachers' and students' successes, but in each day they share their lives with our children," she said.

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Firm sued for alleged refusal to pay rent for power genset

A company has sued another for allegedly refusing to pay rent for a 500-kilowatt generator installed as back-up power at the Aqua Resort Hotel.

Seafix Inc., through counsel Stephen J. Nutting, is suing The Power Source Group LLC for breach of contract and wants it to pay $33,000 in damages plus interest, attorney's fees and court costs.

According to the complaint, Seafix and Power Source entered into an agreement in which Seafix would provide a 500-kw generator to Power Source to serve as a back-up generator at the Aqua Resort Hotel for a daily rate of $350 per day.

In addition, Nutting said, Power Source was to pay $150 for the transportation of the generator and an additional $1,050 to hook up the generator.

"Thereafter, and despite repeated demands made by Seafix and its attorney to collect the sums due and owing for the generator rental, Power Source refused, and continues to refuse to make any payments due under the contract," the lawyer said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Fund board cuts interest rate for withdrawn contributions

» New $25 fee for retirees who habitually change their info

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The NMI Retirement Fund's board of trustees approved changes to its regulations Friday that, among others, reduced the interest rates received by members who will withdraw their contributions and imposes a new $25 fee for retirees who habitually ask for changes in their information.

These and other policy changes will be published in the Commonwealth Register for public comments. The results will then be brought back to the board for consideration prior to formal adoption. The target effectivity of these policy changes is April 2012.

From the existing 3.5 percent interest rate on employee contributions, the board voted that the amount be reduced to the prevailing rates offered by banks. The board cited the Fund's financial status as the reason for this, saying that it is only earning a little interest of about 1 to 1.2 percent annually. The new rate will apply to those who will withdraw their contribution after the formal adoption of the changes. The Fund administrator will determine the bank's prevailing rates for regular savings accounts each year.

During the discussion, Fund administrator Richard Villagomez even recommended providing zero interest rates on contributions paid to members, citing the dwindling financial status of the pension program. Commonwealth Retirees Association Larry Cabrera echoed Villagomez, saying perhaps it is time the board thinks about not giving any interest on refunded contributions because he believes that those who paid their contributions to the Fund while working were not doing it as a form of investment but for their future retirement.

Due to the increasing number of requests to change details or information on the retirees' or beneficiaries records, the board also voted to impose a $25 fee for each change requested by retirees.

Under existing regulations, members are allowed to make changes once every year, free of charge. However, Villagomez said that the agency has been getting more requests, ranging from changes in their address to information and details about their records.

Villagomez pointed out that even minor changes in the members' records require a lot of adjustments in the agency's accounting department. He said the new fee will reduce the unnecessary workload and administrative cost.

The board also wants to move forward on the paperless system and approved the issuance of pensions only by direct bank deposits or automated clearinghouse deposit, ACH. The board estimates that there are about 75 percent of retirees who also get Social Security, which also requires direct bank deposit.

Villagomez said that eliminating the mailing out of more than 400 checks twice a month would save the Fund about $5,000 in stamps each year, plus the savings from administrative cost. ACH is estimated to save the Fund about $13,000 a year. The board also stopped the "emergency" issuance of checks after the agency reported an increasing number of requests for the emergency release of pension checks, either for funerals, airline tickets, and medical needs. Under existing rules, a pensioner could ask for the early release of checks five days prior to the issuance date.

Meantime, Fund chair Sixto Igisomar instructed the Fund management to work with the retirees' association to get the word out about the new changes. "I want to make sure that all defined benefit members are well aware of these changes in advance," he said, adding that all changes will soon be posted in the agency's website.

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departed. The CNMI being a predominantly Catholic community, it marks the occasion with the longstanding tradition of offering flowers, candles, and prayers as they visit their dead at various cemeteries.

A young Garapan resident, who declined to be identified, said this annual tradition for their family is both religious and personal.

"Even though they're not here, their spirits remain here with us so we always make it a point to come and visit them especially during this occasion," he said. "It's our way of honoring them, their lives, and what they've given us. We still remember, love, and care for them."

Doris Dueñas, who was joined by her husband Luis, and her children Luis Jr. and Lorenza during Saturday's preparations, emphasized the importance of getting the whole family involved, particularly her offspring.

"It's one of the traditions that my children will be able to carry on when the time comes," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "I want them to realize the importance of observing this tradition."

Fortunately, her children do, says Doris, as they have chosen to help her in the activity instead of spending their time doing other things.

"I care for my family more than other people," said Doris' daughter, Lorenza. "Even though they've already departed, I believe we should continue to care for them."

As Teo resident Tanya Concepcion agrees, saying that this tradition has been passed on by the older generations and in turn, she is passing it on to her 11-year-old daughter, Trini Iguel.

"It is important that my daughter gets to know this tradition so when I'm older and not able to come down here in the cemetery, she knows what to do and perhaps get other family members of her generation to do the same," she said.

Besides her daughter, Concepcion was joined by her sisters, nephew, and other family members as they scrubbed clean the tombs of her father, Julian Attao Concepcion, and other kin who were laid to rest in the same burial site.

"We dearly miss him and wish that he's still here," said the nostalgic Concepcion, referring to her father. "My prayer is that he really is up there in a peaceful place."

Some 12 employees of the Saipan Mayor's Office were also at the CK public cemetery over the weekend, cleaning debris and trash that visitors have left behind. Field supervisor Ton Reyes, in an interview, said some equipment were dispatched and used at the cemetery about two to three weeks ago.

"It's also a tradition for us at the Mayor's Office to do this cleanup every year," he said.

Mount Carmel Parish Council member Jeff Camacho, for his part, said that while they try to do the cemetery cleanup before All Saints Day and All Souls Day, "our goal is to do it every month for the entire year."

"We are asking for more volunteers to come out and step up to the plate. We already have some volunteer groups but we still need more," he said.

Camacho said several JROTC units, including Kagman High School, Marianas High School, and Saipan Southern High School, have already assisted them since they started the cemetery cleanup on Sept. 17.

"We appreciate that they've put in their time to make our cemetery clean and we encourage others to do the same," he said.

Camacho added that they also receive cash and in-kind donations to help the Parish Council and volunteers to do their task. To volunteer, donate or for more information, call 234-3000.

5 tips to enjoy your treat without playing tricks on your teeth!

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SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

October is a special month for me for two reasons. National Dental Hygiene month is celebrated in October but let's face it, the rest of the country is busy looking forward to celebrating one of my favorite if not my favorite pseudo holiday: Halloween!

I love Halloween! In my opinion it is the one time of the year that everyone has an opportunity to be a child once again and give in to the urge to dress up and be anyone you want to be for just one day. I have been dressing up for years and about three years ago I had the pleasure of coming to work dressed up as a cow, literally. I was about eight months pregnant and so I had the belly to go with the costume.

As a dental professional what concerns me is the amount of candy that is consumed and handed out at parties or local events. Don't get me wrong, I am not going to "rain on any parades." After all I did just say it is one of my favorite holidays. However I do want to share some tips for better dental health so you can enjoy the goodies without putting your teeth as well as your children's teeth at risk for those nasty cavities.

- Eat a variety of food. Choose fruits, vegetables and healthy protein such as lean meats as well as nuts and low fat cheeses.
- Limit the number of snacks that you eat. Each time you eat food that contains sugars, the teeth are attacked by acids after 20 minutes or more. This increases the chances of getting a cavity.
- When you snack, choose wisely. If you do snack, choose nutritious foods, such as cheese, raw vegetables, plain yogurt, or a piece of fruit.
- Eat sweets with meals. Foods that are eaten as part of a meal cause less harm. More saliva is released during a meal, which helps wash foods from the mouth and helps lessen the effects of the acids on your teeth.
- Brush twice a day and floss once.

By following these simple tips you can prevent cavities as well as increase your oral health year-round. Now get out there and have some fun. Happy "Trick-or-Treating."

Lori Serna is a Dental Hygienist who works with the Saipan's SDA dental clinic, on improving dental care and well as awareness throughout the CNMI.

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workers have been there longer than others, while other have had children there. For those who have been here for 10 years or more and those who have U.S. citizen or permanent resident children or parents, there's a relief available for them that is called cancellation of removal," Laguatan said during a phone interview with reporters on KWAW Magic 100.3 FM on Saturday.

Laguatan said, however, that this type of relief is only available to aliens who are already in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and are about to plead their case in immigration court.

"They cannot just pick you up and put you on an airplane and send you home. That would be unconstitutional. USCIS already announced that they will not prioritize for removal non-criminal cases. You have rights before the courts. You have constitutional rights. They cannot force you to leave without a hearing before an immigration judge and in front of the immigration judge and all these defenses could be presented," he said.

Laguatan also said USCIS' approval for parole-in-place for eligible caretakers is a positive development for jobless foreign workers hoping for some type of status after the expiration of umbrella permits on Nov. 27, 2011.

He also pointed to discretionary relief that would request Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano not to enforce the CW final rule for humanitarian reasons.

"There are a lot of defenses and strategies that are available. The message is 'don't go home' because those defenses and strategies might be available for you," said Laguatan.

Laguatan said he is scheduled to visit the CNMI next month, days before the expiration of umbrella permits on Nov. 27, 2011.

Law office needed

While willing to help, Laguatan said that representing hundreds of alien workers will necessitate the setting up of a law office on Saipan and that would incur costs.

"There will be a lot of cases there. Some of them would go to court in order for foreign workers to be able get their status. Of course we're ready to help but realistically we have to look at the reality of the situation. What we need to be able to have a sustainable legal defense for foreign workers is to put up a law office there that will surely have to be semi-*pro bono*," he said. *Pro bono* means done or donated without charge.

Laguatan said that a straight up *pro bono* practice to help alien workers in the Commonwealth would die a natural death because it just cannot sustain the sheer number of cases that will have to be handled here. He added that funding is essential in sustaining legal assistance.

"Who can help? What lawyer who is an immigration expert from the mainland will go there and take on so many clients? He will be neglecting his clients in the states. He will have to go there to really help," he said.

Lewis' call reiterated

Laguatan also reiterated former general attorney for Immigration and Naturalization Services Loida Nicolas Lewis' advice to worried foreign workers not to fear deportation without having their case heard first by immigration court.

"The most important message I can say is for them not to leave the CNMI because the Commonwealth is now part of the American territory. The immigration law of the U.S. became applicable in Nov. 28, 2009, and so therefore all of you have constitutional rights. They cannot force you to leave American territory without a hearing before an immigration judge and all of the defenses and relief can be presented to immigration court," said Laguatan.

Laguatan said that without a political solution, the idea is to keep and prevent jobless alien workers from being deported.

"If they know their rights and they have a good lawyer, the process will take a very long time. And that's because everybody is entitled to a hearing before an immigration judge as a matter of constitutional right," he said, adding that it is his hope that legislation be introduced in Congress to allow to allow foreign workers in the CNMI to stay.

Laguatan is a member of the California State Bar and was honored by the same organization in 2010 as one of only 29 U.S. lawyers officially certified continuously for more than 20 years as expert-specialists in immigration law.

He has also handled landmark immigration law cases and is the author of *A Layman's Guidebook on Immigration Law.*

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that we can extend our request to be granted parole-in-place for all alien workers after Nov. 27 [2011]," he said.

Syed is also pleased to announce that the peaceful rally has picked up steam in the last couple of days even as individuals and companies continue to show their support by donating food and drinks.

He said they've been averaging 109 attendees per day since the group started keeping tabs on the number of people taking part in the peaceful rally.

"We had 99 on Tuesday, 161 on Wednesday, 126 on Thursday, 123 on Friday, and 140 yesterday [Saturday]," said Syed, who explained they were not able to keep a list on Day 1 of the prayer vigil last Monday.

As of 5pm Sunday, some 75 have already taken part in the vigil, according to Syed, who said they continue the rally until Nov. 27, 2011, the deadline for umbrella permits.

'Dollar for Lawyer'

Syed, meanwhile, said he supports the "Dollar for Lawyer" campaign initiated by some foreign workers to fund a future class action lawsuit and help pay for a lawyer or lawyers.

After initially distancing himself from the drive Saturday, Syed, in a phone call yesterday, that he now believes the drive is for a good cause, and like other similar campaigns initiated by foreign workers, it has his full support.

Lisa Avendano, who has been in the CNMI the past 24 years, said she initiated the "Dollar for Lawyer" campaign to help defray costs when foreign workers in the future decide to file a lawsuit against the CW final rule and its implementation.

She said they already put safeguards on how the money is collected and that whatever is raised will be made transparent and accountable.

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et number 1384, which he bought from Docomo Pacific's Nola Hix.

When Hix's name was called and not Mocanu's, he approached the stage with her to explain that he was the proud ticket owner.

"It's amazing," Mocanu told reporters shortly after being announced the winner. "My wife has no idea I won!"

The Romania-born, San Francisco-bred Mocanu said this was his first time to win something in a raffle draw and plans to use the prize money for a trip with his wife to see the Festival of Lights in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Mocanu led the list of lucky individuals and organizations that won great prize packages for the annual fundraising event of the volunteer-led humanitarian organization's local chapter.

Other winners are Susan Cabrera (ticket no. 0586), who won the first prize, a 2011 Ford Fiesta donated by the Joeten Charitable Foundation and Joeten Motors; Tinian's Esther Barr (ticket no. 0523) who won the second prize of $5,000 cash; and Merle Hudkins (ticket no. 7790, who won the third prize, two Economy class tickets to any U.S. destination from Delta Air Lines plus $500 cash.

Guests also had the chance to win any of the three treasure chests valued at $1,688, $1,586, and $1,393 by purchasing special raffle tickets sold at the event for $10 each.

Saturday's event had a crowd estimate of about 1,200. This year's biggest party-for-a-cause had a "Fantasy Island" theme. In the end, bragging rights in the costume contest went to the island-inspired getup of Soledad Tenorio, who came in a vintage orange swimsuit, and Gary Sword, who donned a tie-dye garb accentuated with shell necklaces, fake dreadlocks and a rasta-colored beret.

Live music was provided by Afetnas Regime and Latte Vibes.

The Red Cross NMI Chapter also presented special awards to Health and Safety Program's Gilbert S. Muña, disaster volunteer John Atalig, and Red Cross Representative for FEMA Region IX office Rothwell "Rock" Ahulau, who was celebrating his birthday that night and won the 10th prize.

The Hawaii-born and raised Ahulau, in an interview after accepting his award, said he flew to Saipan solely for the Club 200 event and was not expecting the recognition.

According to Ahulau, the NMI Chapter of Red Cross is the "most prepared and trained chapter in the Pacific," thanks to the efforts of the staff led by executive director John Hirsh and the volunteers.

Hirsh, for his part, said that they feel thankful that the Saturday morning's heavy shower gave way to a "gorgeous night."

"The event is phenomenal and it's a big success as so many people came out to support the Red Cross," he said.

Hirsh estimated that about 1,300 tickets were sold, with the exact number of tickets and money raised to be finalized in the coming days.

Four honored as this year's Governor's Humanities Awardees

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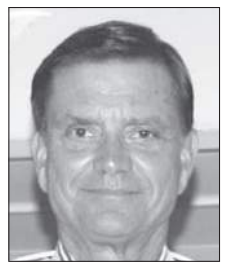
Three individuals and one organization were this year's recipients of the prestigious Governor's Humanities Awards sponsored by the Office of the Governor and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council during a ceremony at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Friday night.

The 2011 Governor's Humanities Awardees are Angelina Yobech as Outstanding Humanities Teacher, Dr. Jennifer McKinnon for the Preservation of CNMI History, the late Joaquin I. Norita for the Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices, and the Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society for Research & Publication in the Humanities.

Yobech, a classroom teacher at Hopwood Jr. High School, was chosen for her commitment to the Council's Motheread program. She is one of the first certified parent trainers and has spent over 232 weeks and over 464 hours working with 381 parents to teach them "how to build dynamic learning environments in their own homes."

In an interview after the ceremony, Yobech revealed how surprised and "very, very honored" she felt to be given the award. "It's what I could do and I think that everybody has something that they could do and have time and talents that they could contribute and if we put all of that together, it makes a big impact in terms of humanities in our community," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

McKinnon, director of Studies of the Flinders University Department of Archaeology, served as "the driving force behind the World War II Maritime Heritage Trail," which chronicles the history of the Battle of Saipan through nine popular dive sites. The Trail "provides a unique dive experience that can be found only in the CNMI," and is an excellent example of a geotourism project for the islands.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In a statement, McKinnon thanked all agencies, groups, and individuals that were involved in the project and dedicated it "to those Chamorro, Carolinian, American, Japanese, Korean, and Filipino individuals who lost their lives and to those who did not."

"We hope that through our efforts we may capture and interpret the importance of your participation in such an occasion of world history," she added.

John Castro, former archaeological technician with the Historic Preservation Office, accepted the award on McKinnon's behalf.

Norita, who was born on Saipan but later moved to Rota, was given the award posthumously "for his celebration of traditional healing and local arts and music and for his commitment to the people and community of Rota." He passed away 10 years ago due to cancer.

Juan I. Tenorio, Norita's brother who accepted the award on behalf of their family, said he is very pleased that his brother has been recognized for his many contributions to the island of Rota.

The Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society, a non-profit corporation established in November 2003, was recognized for its publication of *A Historical Overview*, a book that details a history of the islands' legal structures and the evolution of the rule of law in the Commonwealth. Executive director Jim Stowell accepted the award.

Council board chair Tracy M. Guerrero and press secretary Angel A. Demapan, who represented the governor at the ceremony, presented plaques to the awardees.

"What is exceptionally gratifying for the awardees tonight is that the nominations have come from other members of the community who have recognized the value of your work in the humanities. Through your good deeds and inspiration, someone was so moved that they made the effort to put forth your nomination for statewide recognition," Demapan said in his remarks.

Council executive director Scott Russell said all the winners deserved their awards. "There's more people out there, and that's the purpose of this yearly event, to recognize those people so they get public recognition for it. Hopefully, it will encourage other people to do the same thing."

Winners of the 8th Annual Sengebau Poetry Competition—Lallane Guiao and Mikhail Alcantara—delivered their winning pieces before being presented with their perpetual plaques at the event.

The Council also recognized outgoing program officer Merced Aldan Ada, who will be leaving to pursue a doctorate in the U.S. mainland.

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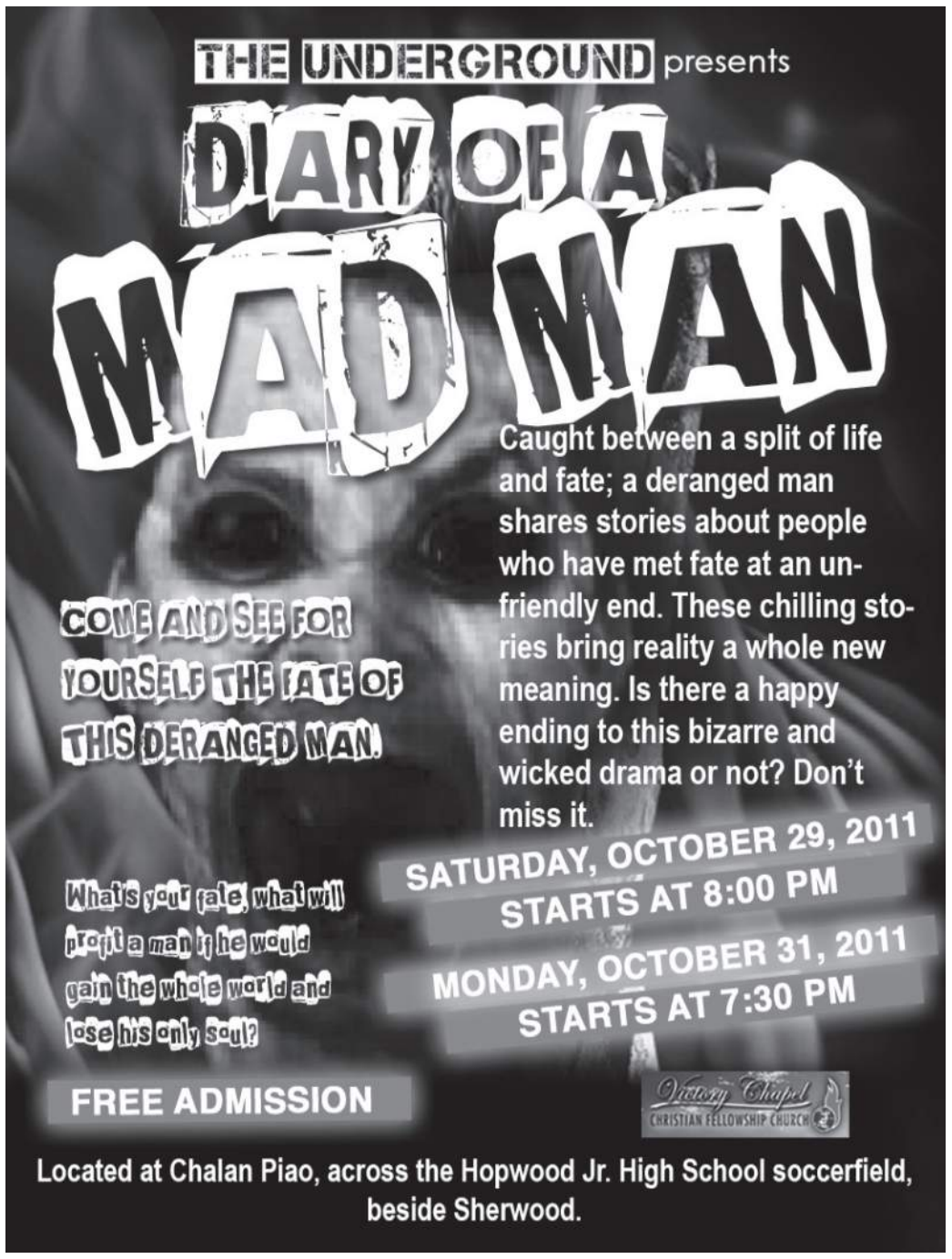
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Fund board trustee Crisostomo quits

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Another member of the NMI Retirement Fund board of trustees, first vice chair Jerry Crisostomo, has stepped down due to an undisclosed medical reason, according to Fund chair Sixto Igisomar on Friday.

He disclosed that Crisostomo quit during the last board meeting.

Crisostomo's resignation brings to five the number of board members following the departure of Frank Rosario, who resigned in September, also for the same reason.

When asked if the two vacancies would affect the board's decision-making process, Igisomar told *Saipan Tribune* that they will have to make do with what they have. The five remaining trustees include Igisomar, second vice chair Adelina Roberto, Bernadita Palacios, Marian Tudela, and Nacrina Barcinas.

As of Oct. 25, the Fund's investment portfolio was valued at $264,497.211, according to Fund administrator Richard Villagomez in his report to the board.

He also said that Richmond Capital, one the Fund's money manager that has terminated its services, is expected to complete liquidating its portfolio soon. The liquidated amount was at $46.5 million as of Oct. 25. He said this is expected to change after the completion of the liquidation process.

PIMCO, which handles the Fund's bond portfolio, has $82 million in total return as of Oct. 25. Villagomez said that the amount was previously reported as close to $100 million but a portion of that was used in transitioning to the Glidepath 2013 allocation model.

The board had approved the liquidations in order to shift the Fund's assets to the Glidepath 2013 strategy, a conservative transitional approach that will be in place until the Fund is able to secure the CDARS service providers or until it gets a new investment consultant.

Villagomez also reported that the Fund has $1.6 million in assets left with JP Morgan and the amount is now being liquidated.

Total cash, he said, is now at $134.2 million and that it is the intention of the Fund to move to the CDARS program as quickly as possible.

During Friday's meeting, Commonwealth Retirees Association chair Larry Cabrera shared with the board the good news that the stock market jumped 340 points on Friday.

Fund board chair Igisomar reminded the public, however, that the Fund has been forced to convert its funds into cash and would not be realizing any interest as a result of the stock market going up.

He said that if the Beneficiary Derivative Lawsuit Act of 2011 had not been enacted, the Fund would still have its money managers and investment consultant and the Fund would still have funds invested in the market and could have earned some interest as a result of the market jump.

Former Judge Bellas sues client

Former Superior Court associate judge and now practicing attorney Timothy H. Bellas is suing a client in a paternity case for allegedly refusing to pay attorney's fee and costs amounting to $8,024.14.

Bellas wants the Superior Court to order Ray S. Tenorio to pay him the attorney's fee, costs, and interest.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to contact Tenorio.

Bellas stated in the complaint that Tenorio entered into an agreement for legal representation with him in May 2005 in connection with a then pending paternity action.

Bellas said the matter is now done but Tenorio has yet to pay him for his legal services despite receipt of monthly billing statements. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-048

Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI
ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: September 2, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following amendments to CUC-RFP-11-048, Geothermal Energy Development, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands:

- The initial Scope-of-Work and Proposal Solicitation Notice for CUC-RFP-11-048 has been amended. All registered prospective Offerors will be provided with a complete copy of the amended Scope-of-Work & Proposal Solicitation Notice;
- The deadline for submission of proposals has been extended from September 6, 2011 to November 15, 2011;
- The deadline for submission of inquiries has been extended to November 1, 2011.

Stage 1, Geothermal Gradient Project

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to collect and evaluate scientific data to better determine the potential for development of geothermal energy on Saipan. Available information suggests that the geothermal gradient beneath Saipan may be sufficiently steep to develop geothermal energy to generate electricity.

The technical complexity of the Project and the need to collect and evaluate extensive data will require the successful Proposer to provide the expertise from various professional disciplines, conduct exploratory drilling, and provide equipment and materials necessary to complete the Scope of Work.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **September 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original, Six (6) copies, and one (1) digitized version (PDF) must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048 "Saipan Geothermal Development Project" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **November 01, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Dr. James Quick, CNMI Energy Advisor and Consultant via email address jquick@smu.edu. ; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director -Power via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

CUC-RFEI-12-001

Requests for Expressions of Interest
For the Purchase or Operation of Public Utilities
(A Non-Binding, Informal Market Survey)

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), a public corporation, is interested in the potential for privatization of its services. Desired is for interested firms, individuals, or groups to present an "Expression of Interest" for the privatization and/or transfer of CUC Utility Services. Expressions of Interest may include in whole, in part, or in business sector: direct purchase, operating contract schemes, and/or utility agency or co-operative formation(s) for the Electrical Power Generation Systems, Electrical Transmission and Distribution Systems, and Water and Wastewater Utility Services.

The Request for Expressions of Interest is an exploratory project in order to survey market interest in owning and/or operating the utility. It is not intended to be a formal or informal procurement process and CUC does not express or imply that any future procurement and/or acquisition process will occur, or that any preference will be given to those replying.

The CUC invites suitably qualified utility owners and operators with proven records of accomplishment in power generation, transmission, distribution, and water and wastewater utility ownership and operations to submit an EOI to purchase and operate the referenced CUC operations and facilities. CUC will review all Expressions of Interests received, and based in part on these submittals, will decide on whether to pursue privatization further. This EOI is an exploratory survey of market interest only.

The CUC-RFEI-12-001 packet will be e-mailed, upon request, to all interested offeror, by the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:30 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted by hand or courier in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFEI-12-001" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on December 16, 2011 (ChST). Late submission will not be considered.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on December 12, 2011 to Alan Fletcher, Deputy Director for Water/Wastewater via email alan.fletcher@cucgov.org; Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; and Ms. Janina Muna, CUC Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika.muna@cucgov.org. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective respondents who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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Six take oath to become US citizens

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REPORTER

For Lucy Yunyuan Lu Pangelinan, acquiring a U.S. citizenship is the way it should be as she grew up in the U.S. system.

Pangelinan, 31, was brought to Saipan by her Chinese parents from Guangdong when she was only 7 years old.

Pangelinan, now a registered nurse at the FHP Health Center, was among the six foreign nationals who took their oath to become U.S. citizens on Friday morning in a special naturalization ceremony at the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

"It's great. I'm very excited. I've been on Saipan for so long," said Pangelinan, whose parents used to run an electronic repair shop on the island and went back to China in 2002. She got married in 2006 to Transportation Security Administration staff Peter Pangelinan.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona administered the oath to the six nationals, who were originally from China, the Philippines, The Netherlands, and South Korea.

Immigration Services officer Diane Zedde presented seven petitioners but only six were present at the ceremony.

Zedde said that petitioner Ae Suk Doh Sablan had a valid reason not to be present.

The six petitioners were Pangelinan, Elmira Hermosa Damian, Eun Mi Lee Deleon Guerrero, Richard Doctor Francisco, Chyrel Albuen Javier, and Dirk Hendrik Sikkel.

For Damian, obtaining U.S. citizenship gives her security, particularly when traveling off-island.

"Before, when I traveled I had to be separated from the line at the airport," said the 36-year-old Damian, a native of Nueva Ecija in the Philippines.

Damian, a DFS sales associate, has been on the island for 13 years. She used to work for Hafa Adai Hotel before getting married in 2005 to a military officer based in Guam.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The six newest U.S. citizens proudly present their certificates during a special naturalization ceremony on Friday at the U.S. District Court for the NMI. Also in the photo are Chief Judge Ramona Villagomez Manglona, left, and Immigration Services officer Diane Zedde, right.

At the ceremony, Chief Judge Manglona welcomed the newest U.S. citizens of "our great country in this significant event of their life."

Manglona said she fully understands the sentiment and feeling because she too only became a U.S. citizen by virtue of a federal law.

Manglona said the six newest citizens came from different countries, but as they would walk out from the courtroom after the ceremony they would walk out belonging to one country. "So I welcome you and congratulate you," the judge said.

After the six recited the Pledge of Allegiance, a video message from President Barack Obama was played.

"It's an honor and a privilege to call you a fellow citizen of the United States of America. This is now officially your country, your own to protect, to defend and to serve through active and engaged citizenship," Obama said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Coral Ocean Point invites kids to 'Haunted House'

Coral Ocean Point is inviting all children to come and experience their scary and unforgettable "Haunted House," where lots of activities, games, and prizes await. The fee is only $10. As part of the Halloween celebration, Coral Ocean Point Resort offers free "trick or treat" for all kids who will visit their facilities. For inquiries or reservations for the Haunted House, contact Granz or Marge at 234 -7000 Ext. 589 or 642. ***(PR)***

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on the following dates and times:

- Oct. 31, 5pm – 11:30pm
- Nov. 1-3, 4pm – 10:30pm
- Nov. 4, 9am – 5pm

The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

Library hours on Nov. 1

In honor of All Saint's Day, Nov. 1, 2011, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be open only from 10am to 2pm. We apologize for the inconvenience. ***(PR)***

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/s/ RICHARD S. VILLAGOMEZ
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MVA: Saipan-da most successful campaign

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce defended the agency's continuing use of the Saipan-da mascot in its marketing campaigns, saying the symbol is effective and has proven to be the most successful campaign for years.

Speaking before hundreds of public school students in Thursday's tourism summit, Aldan-Pierce said that Saipan-da was born when the Marianas badly needed a signature mark for its island. MVA started using the mascot for its promotional campaigns in 1998 and the campaign actually bagged a gold award from the Pacific Asia Travel Association for creating and re-branding the CNMI in the Japanese market and elsewhere.

Despite criticisms for using a non-indigenous animal mascot for its promotional activities, the tourism agency has continue to use it because for MVA, this is the most successful marketing tool that continues to bring money for the agency, Aldan-Pierce said. Saipan-da, she added, brings easy recall for the islands.

Aldan-Pierce

"We have to remember that 'you are not the target of Saipan-da'…but the tourists who continue to visit our island. We must take pride in our animal [mascot]," she told the crowd.

Some sectors have criticized the MVA for using the animal as marketing tool for the Commonwealth as pandas do not exist here.

Aldan-Pierce encouraged the summit attendees to share with their families and friends how Saipan-da became popular and helped CNMI in its marketing efforts.

Besides the agency's promotional efforts, Aldan-Pierce also explained to students the functions of the MVA and its board and the importance of tourism to the Commonwealth. Participants were also shown pictures of places and areas that need improvements and cleanup. She instilled in the minds of young attendees that they can do much for the tourism industry by simply keeping the environment clean and by showing visitors a hospitable attitude. She said the warm greetings of students will greatly entice tourists to return.

According to the MVA board chairperson, tourism is everybody's business and is a 24/7 industry. Being the island's sole economic driver, she emphasized that it needs high priority.

The CNMI experienced the highest peak of the industry in 1996 and 1997 when 726,690 tourists visited the islands. Since the pullout of Japan Airlines in 2005, the Commonwealth has not recovered from its loss.

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

OCTOBER 31, 2009

CUC accrues $630K penalties

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has failed to comply with the provisions of the stipulated orders and has accrued total of $630,000 penalties in the first six months, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In a Sept. 30, 2009 conference with EPA, it was disclosed that that the United States is seriously concerned with CUC's lack of compliance with many important provisions in stipulated orders 1 and 2. "CUC's difficulty in achieving compliance during the first six months after entry of the orders is especially troubling," EPA told CUC executive director Tony Muña,

Man repeatedly stabbed, hit by getaway car

A man was injured after he was repeatedly stabbed by one of two suspects at a poker establishment in San Jose early yesterday morning. The 31-year-old victim sustained four stab wounds in the torso and stomach. He was admitted to the Commonwealth Health Center and is listed in stable condition. The suspects were not arrested, but police later recovered the getaway vehicle in San Antonio.

OCTOBER 31, 2008

US Immigration now hiring

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has already announced the hiring of customs and field operation officers who will be assigned in the CNMI, but there is no special consideration to make local Immigration officers a priority, according to CNMI Immigration Director Melvin Grey. Grey told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that because of the hiring qualification criteria, less than 20 of local Immigration officers may qualify. Grey said one of the criteria is that persons cannot occupy a law enforcement position in the federal government if they are 37 years old or older. "Right there, that excludes 21 of our people immediately. They don't have a chance with that criteria [sic] in place. Twenty-one of our people are automatically excluded," he said.

'Transparency is not the highest virtue'

The Fitial administration is bent on concealing financial details about the federalization lawsuit until the case is over. Acting Attorney General Gregory Baka said in a press conference yesterday that the administration is only following the law when it declined a lawmaker's Open Government Act request for financial information about the lawsuit Gov. Benigno R. Fitial had filed against the U.S. government over the labor provisions of the new immigration law. He noted that the OGA prohibits the release of certain litigation-related information that the government's opponent in a lawsuit could not otherwise get in court. How the CNMI is funding the lawsuit, Baka added, must remain a secret because the deep-pocketed federal government might use the information to run the Commonwealth out of court.

OCTOBER 31, 2007

Spat over labor bill heats up

A brewing argument over the labor reform bill has broken into the public arena, with Federal Labor Ombudsman Jim Benedetto and Rep. Jacinta M. Kaipat writing open letters to air their opposing views. Benedetto says Kaipat's bill would punish foreign workers for complaining. The author of the proposed legislation says Benedetto is plain wrong. House Bill 15-38 has been under consideration in the Legislature for 18 months. Last Thursday, it got another step closer to becoming law, with the Senate passing an amended version. The bill will be in effect once the Lower House adopts the Senate amendments and the governor signs the final version.

Number of eagle rays decreasing-Tripp

A diving enthusiast and official of Marianas Dive is raising concern over the apparent decline in the number of eagle rays populating the waters around the CNMI. Marianas Dive president Mike Tripp said the number of eagle rays at famous dive spots on Saipan such as the Ice Cream and Eagle Ray City have decreased dramatically. In an interview yesterday with Tripp, he said several diving groups have noticed that the eagle rays, a sub-family of stingrays, are now just a handful compared to previous years. Tripp said that during his filming of a diving video for the CNMI two years ago, he observed around 30 to 35 eagle rays swimming near the dive sites. Some Japanese divers, however, have told him that over five years ago the eagle rays' number was close to 100.

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Targeting immigrants is losing strategy for GOP bets

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Republican presidential candidates are foolishly jockeying to see who can be the harshest on undocumented immigrants.

Michelle Bachmann has called for sealing the U.S.-Mexico border with a double wall. Not to be outdone, Herman Cain has called for an electrified fence backed by military personnel armed with live rounds (though he later said the electrified fence was a joke). And Rick Perry wants more drones in the sky.

These positions reveal a cruel disregard for basic human rights and invite a catastrophe. The U.S. government should not be electrocuting or gunning down people who are simply trying to find work or make a better life for their families. This is the same reason that millions of our ancestors came here, though without this threat of violence.

On top of that, border alarmism does not reflect reality.

There has been an 83 percent drop in Mexican migration to the United States since 2006, according to Mexico's National Statistics Institute. This is corroborated by Border Patrol statistics, which show that apprehensions have decreased 61 percent between 2005 and 2010. This has occurred at the same time that the number of border enforcement agents has doubled.

Other forms of immigrant-bashing have also been on display at the Republican debates. Mitt Romney and several other candidates have savaged Perry for supporting a Texas law that allows undocumented college students to pay in-state tuition rates.

Twelve states have provisions that allow undocumented students to pay in-state tuition. In reality, the actual number of students that benefit from these laws is miniscule. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, about 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school each year, of which only 5 percent tend to go on to college. This means that in a state like Texas, the actual number of undocumented students enrolling in higher education each year is less than 1 percent of the total.

For his part, Perry has fired back at Romney for employing undocumented landscapers on his property.

While using undocumented workers and students as punching bags may play well to a segment of the Republican Party base, the immigration issue has fallen off the political map for most Americans. According to a September Gallup Poll, 67 percent of respondents identified the poor state of the economy and high unemployment as the main problems facing the country, while only 4 percent saw immigration as their main concern.

And Republicans can count on one thing: The more they scapegoat immigrants from south of the border, the more they will lose Latino support in the next election.

Latino voters already shape the political outcomes in states such as Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois and Texas. In a growing number of other states, Latino voters are also playing a big role.

The efforts by Republican candidates to launch their campaigns off the backs of immigrants will backfire, as they should.

With all the real problems we face in this country, Republican presidential aspirants should stop focusing on false ones.

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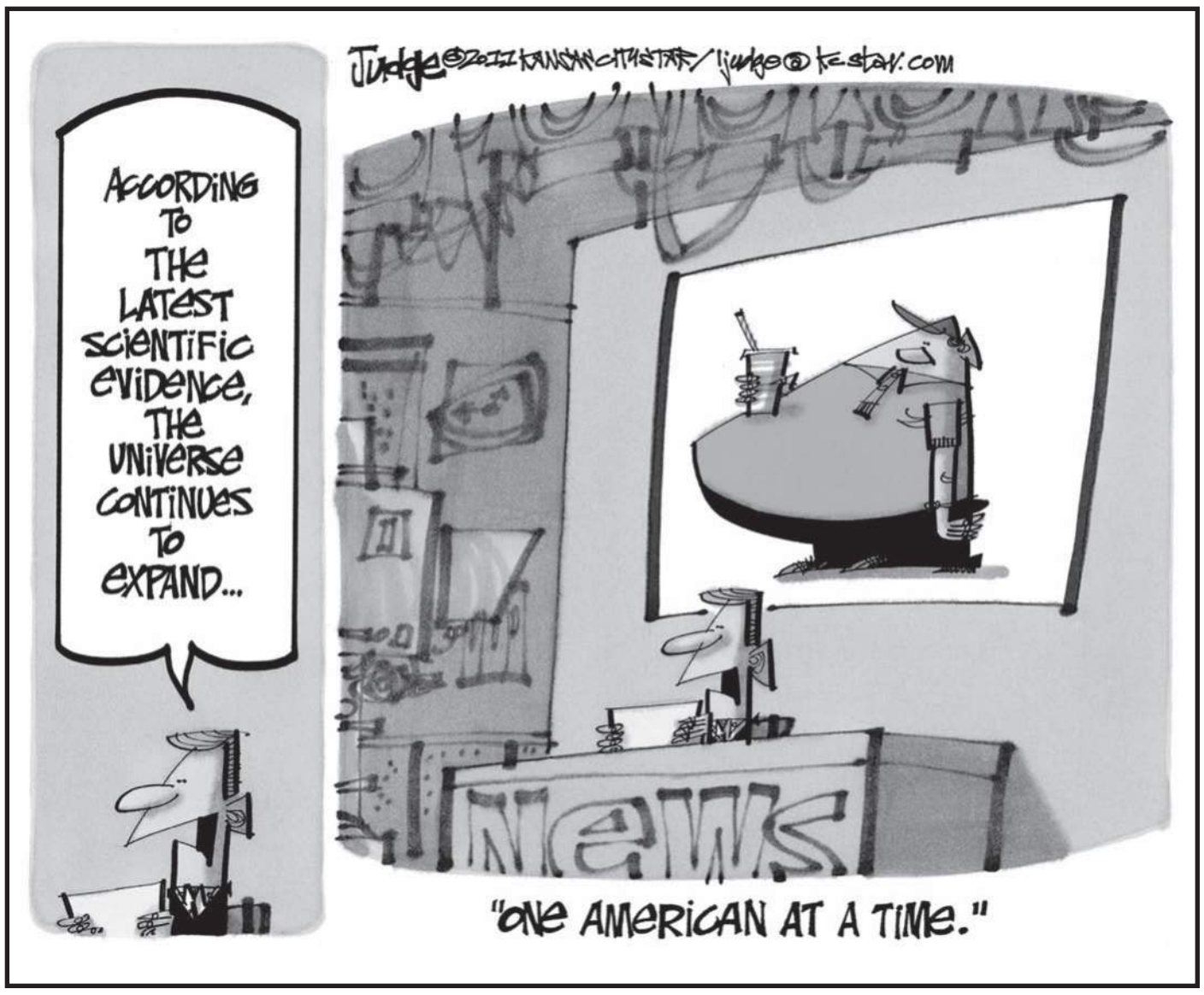

Dreams: The reasons for living!

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We all have dreams. Some of us call them goals. They are our heart's desires. Some of us achieve them; some of us come close to achieving them; some of us never achieve them. Each of us has different dreams, but we all have dreams! They are the stimulus for waking up in the morning and the reasons for working to achieve them.

This morning let's discuss why some of us will achieve our dreams and the reasons some of us will never achieve them. All good things in life demand a price to pay, but not necessarily money—instead determination, discipline and a strong will to achieve them. It is never too late to start on the journey to fulfilling our dreams!

A few positive reminders about our dreams:

1. By pursuing any one of our dreams, we can find fulfillment. We don't need to pursue them all.

2. We don't have to achieve a dream in order to find fulfillment—we need only actively pursue the dream to attain satisfaction.

3. By living our dream, we can contribute not only to ourselves but to everyone and everything around us.

We could discuss many things about fulfilling our dreams or goals, but frankly speaking we already know most of the things that we have to do to achieve them. Why then do we so often fail in fulfilling our goals? The answer is simple. We choose the "comfort zone" instead of the "discomfort zone."

The "comfort zone" can be defined as our personal area of thoughts and actions within which we feel comfortable; it's all the things we've done or thought often enough to feel comfortable doing (or thinking). When we are in the comfort zone we do not feel stress, worry, or anxiety. We put aside all things that make us feel insecure or uncomfortable.

The "discomfort zone" is the opposite. In the "discomfort zone" we feel a need to fulfill some action but too often refuse to act upon it because it requires effort. When we fail to fulfill those actions or thoughts, we feel tinges of fear, guilt, unworthiness, hurt feelings, and/or anger. However instead of realizing that we need to act on the action or thought, we revert quickly to the comfort zone and promise to do the action at a later time. The end result: faded dreams and unrealized goals. So the answer is that if we wish to achieve our dreams we must tread in the area of the "discomfort zone." Are we willing to do so?

This started out as a discussion about dreams for the individual, but somewhere along the way the lost dreams of our islands prods me to talk about them. Let's take a tour around Saipan and see the visible loss of our dreams. Words fail in describing what we will see.

Let's start in Kagman where hundreds of homestead lots have been distributed to local residents. This area is supposed to have given pride of ownership and security to our citizens lucky to receive a homestead lot free. Some of the homes are well kept, but they are few and far between and show the dream is still real for a few of us.

However as we continue to slowly cruise the village, we notice many houses abandoned and others left unfinished in mid-construction. Quite a few lots are left vacant with weeds growing wild. Many of the yards show an uncared concern with garbage lying all over. Many of the houses show the need for upkeep. So many need painting badly.

Some of the houses have windows boarded up. Some have junk cars dumped on the lawn. The drive is very depressing and visibly asks what has happened to the beauty and pride that once swept this island. What happened to the dreams?

Let's continue our drive through Dandan and through Koblerville. What we see is very similar to what we just saw in the Kagman area—a blighted area of depression!

What happened to the noble plan that gave our locals a free homestead so that they would feel secure and want to be productive and create a happy society? What has happened to the dreams in which our citizens were to live happily ever after? Where are they now? Why have so many deserted the homesteads and left the island? Why are so many homes in the above areas in such bad condition? People, what has happened to us?

Leaving Koblerville, we enter lower Chalan Kona. As we proceed uptown, we pass many closed shops and restaurants. Few people are seen walking or shopping. I am reminded of the old cowboy movies of the ghost towns in which whole communities moved out and left vacant the entire area. I am also reminded of Third World countries where poverty is prevalent. Have we become a Third World country?

Did this condition happen overnight? I don't think so. It has been

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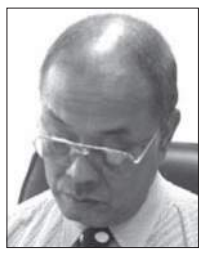

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I Attikulu Dose mauleg in' taitai pot para in' ketuñgu' kabalaes hafa i mas dañkulu na problema hafañagu kontra i man-dueñun tanu' guine. I prinsipiun dueñu ni mafanana'an naturat na direchu ti siña ma-estotba 'sino ma-aminasa. Estague' 'nai umatotpe dirichomu yan 'nai inestotba i mismu direchu ni Attikulu Dose.

Dispues kulan tanpen sinetnan este na Attkulu sa' ha proklama na i tautau tanu' ha' solu siña mangai tanu' guine. Lau hana' fan kualifikau i ti man-natibu ni man-estaba guine gi Dec. 31, 1950 kumu NMDs. Gi mismu tiempu, ha choma' i prefektu haga' ni direchon niha pot manaigue guine guihe na sakan. Un' lehitimu rason na debi tana' suha este na probision ginen i konstitusion iya Marianas.

Lokue', mas dañosu este na Attikulu kontra direchon famaguonta umirensia tanu' mañainan niha 'nai mapega i 25 pot sientu na haga' natibu para u fan siña man-kualifikau. Ke lau kau guaha na tiempu adbansau na makenarian haga' para u pega klaru papa' kuantu gi haga'mu Chamorro, Karolinian 'sino haf' otru siha na rasa?

Guaha lokue probision ni ilelegña na todu man-ma-adapta na famaguon ni ti man-natibu, kumu minot de idat, man-kualifikau sientu pot sientu direchun niha mangai tanu' guine. Estague' otru aminasu kontra i dakun na intension gi papa' Attikulu Dose.

Gi mismu tiempu lokue', klaru na siempre ha amut direchon famaguonta ni riku na estorian tradision tanu' niha gi hilu bulachu na mandatu siha ni mantailaye. Yangin unu pot sientu sosobla haga'ña i prohimu, guaha dirichota chumoma' para u klama na ginen estegue'?

Gaige lokue' na para una' suha mas ke 400 años na areglon sisteman tanu' guine ya para u tulaika sin esplikasion hafa i mahahanan na tinilaika. Yangin ha chule i gobietnu tano'mu praibet pot para ufa' homestead para i otru, un' konfotme ni dueñu? Estegue' unu gi megai siha na rason na debi ta punu' i Attikulu Dose.

Saludu para i man-mofona

Apmam-yu' na danderu desde hinibenhu ya hu gacha' mona hagas danderu siha ni dumandan lokue' tinige' i man-mofona ni manmaug'yan bonitu na sunidu siha. Hu tuñgu' haye man-mofona, haye sigundu, tetset yan kuattu na hinerasion danderu siha.

Kase ya hululu' si defuntu Tun Joaquin S. Pangelinan ni tumuge' ginen un' kantan Haliman "Gi Talu Gi Halom Tasi" ni tafa' Marianas Anthem. Saludu lokue' para si defuntu Tun Dabid Marciano ni trumanslada este na kanta guatu gi Carolinian.

I otru fitme na haligen sunidun Marianas siha ha inklusu i dos umasagua as Mr. and Mrs. William S. Reyes. Megai gi tinige' niha na kanta mafa' uson eskuela gi enteramiente eskuelan publiku siha antes. Siha lokue' umesgaihon mona i koru gi katedrat pagu pot apmam na tiempu ya sumen bonitu i kantan Gima Yuus piot gi tiempon Haanen Gupot siha. Estague' i mas dañkulu na kontribusion niha.

Hagas lokue' maug' na kontribusioña si defuntu Tun Jose S. Pangelinan ni tumuge' "Ti Gi Un' Palasyon I Riku" yan "I Hatdin Giya Paraisu" ginen Hawaii mage i orihinat na sotfa gi segundu kanta. Gaige lokue' si biuhu Elias P. Sablan yan kontribusioña "Mafañagu I Niñu Giya Belen". Guiya yan i hagaña defunta as Mrs. Maria S. Reyes tumuge' i sotfan este na kanta. I orihinat ginen iya Mortlocks giya Chuuk.

Hu saluluda loke' i ginen maestraghu as Madre Pia pot guiya tumuge' "Hagu Inan I Lañget."

Un' sumen ma'gas lokue na saludu para si defuntu yan defunta Tun Josen Fitial yan hagaña Ninañg ni megai na kontribusion nina' halom niha piot gi korun Gima Yuus". Siha sessu antes i korun i 'las ochu na misa gi katedrat pagu.

Tana' saunau lokue i ginen maestron mame as Señor Felix Fitial pot tinige'ña "Gi papa i kandet"; lahen defuntu Tun Josen Fitial. Siña ta pega este na grupu gi primet yan segundu hinerasion ni tumuge' man sen bonitu siha na sunidu ni esta pagu ta huñgog ekun niha gi aire.

I tetset tropa gaige i defuntu as Leo Rogolifoi, Kanisiu Limes,

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Letter to the Editor

Under false pretenses

Under false pretenses, you were led to believe that by participating in certain foreign guest worker groups, you will get your green cards or U.S. passports. With much thought, someone had the desire of appealing to the U.S. Congress to grant improved status to all who resided legally on the islands over the years. They detest the idea of standing in line and just wanted to leapfrog their way to improved status. They attended the iconic rally (exploiting their children /holding placards), prayer vigils, and countless meet-and-greets with officials from the Department of the Interior. Regardless of different groups, all have the same goal: To achieve that American dream the easy way they know how.

Although the CNMI acknowledges the fact that many were mistreated, discriminated, under-paid, and owed back wages, I doubted that your employer physically abused or imprisoned you against your will. Even if you succeeded in your labor case/s or judgments in small claims court, your chances of collecting what is owed you is slim to none. With that said, in general, the CNMI is not at fault as to why your employer did you wrong. Lack of enforcement and petty penalties do little harm to former or current employer. Fortunately, as afforded to you by the U.S. Constitution, it's your privilege to exercise your right to be given fairness and equality and find justification. Still, like I said, it is not always that things will pan out your way. Nothing is fair in a democratic society. I concede that not everyone is treated fairly and that is just the grotesque reality.

At present, there is no indication that Congress will grant parole for unemployed workers. With less than a month's time, it may take years for Congress to hear the plight of nonresidents. By then, it's past 2014 and you are no longer here. So is it really worth to continue fighting for improved status? Now, Dekada and several individuals are suing in the U.S. District Court of the NMI to have the CW rule be declared unconstitutional. Didn't they ask the federal government for improved status? Now they are biting the hand that tried to feed them? It is my understanding that the Dekada movement convinced hundreds, if not thousands, to pay a $100 membership fee. Now they filed the suit *pro se* and I always thought that the $100 membership fee was for attorney's costs. Either I am confused or misinformed. How far did that money got you and was it all worth it? By the looks of it, you were scammed of $100 and it's $100 less in your savings account that could have gone to your children's needs. My good friend Rabby Syed said and I quote, "that many were out of work after Nov. 28, 2009." Ask yourself Mr. Syed, what led to that? Weren't you one of those leaders who made the racket that led to this disaster? You can only hope for more hope because change is not coming anytime soon. Enough damage has been done and after Nov. 27 the fate of many will be decided.

None of this would have transpired if none of this racket ever took place. Where are the other group leaders now? Why are they out of the limelight? I sense betrayal. You can add "character assassination" to your lifetime of accomplishments. Whether you call it "Occupy USCIS" or "Occupy heaven or hell" no change is coming anytime soon. The unceasing habit of still hoping for improved status must come to a screeching halt. It's become a shameful, if not an annoying request. As adamant as you may be, you must accept it, absorb it, and get on with it and focus to how you would prepare for the impending Nov. 27, 2011, date. Time is of the essence and I suggest preparations must be done soonest for an early transition.

You can't put the blame on our island but yourself and your colleagues who walk and talk and share the same hopeless ideals. Remember that since the beginning, the CNMI's stance was "no" to improved status to all legal workers but for all to remain and continue working. The CNMI knew that if your plan materialized and you all leave, it will have an adverse effect on the economy. For once the CNMI government was right about something. But no, you were determined to think otherwise. This is what happened: Local immigration was taken over by the feds by your own doing. I have found it humorous because at one point, foreign workers cried victory because they again—based on hearsay—thought the federal government had taken over the entire Commonwealth. Who in hell just lied to you? Yes, Malou Berueco, you rallied and got immigration federalized. It is so federalized that the feds are the ones phasing your people out of the islands! It is becoming annoying that many folks are so

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40-40-40 Plan

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In another one of life's many mini-experiments my latest, the 40-40-40 plan, never stood much of a chance. Mind you this is not some elaborate, significant plan for the betterment of mankind, but rather a simple, personal plan to lead a healthier, more productive life. More specifically, the idea was to tweak my habits such that I lose 40 pounds in 40 days by the time I turn 40 (40 in 40 by 40—certainly has a cool ring to it, though that may well be the only good thing going for it). Nevertheless, this was my latest in a long list of cockamamie schemes in the battle of the ever-expanding bulge. So, on the night prior to exactly 40 days before my 40th birthday, I went to sleep an over-stuffed, over-indulgent glutton and woke up…well, the same thing…but with a renewed sense of commitment to reduce the size of or rather to reduce in size.

As a math problem on paper, the plan is simple enough. [Example: If the Fatso-Guy wants to lose 40 pounds in 40 days, how many pounds would he have to lose each day? Or, if a deficit (i.e. – output minus input) of 2,000 calories equals a loss of one pound and he burns an average of 3,000 calories per day, how many calories can he consume each day in order to lose 40 pounds in 40 days?] No problem right? Wrong. You see in any plan involving the human factor, there will be intangibles and other immeasurable glitches that make it nearly impossible to ever craft the perfect one—"The best laid schemes of mice and men," if you will. In this particular case, the impediments include but aren't limited to unhealthy temptations (and/or tempters), willpower (or the lack thereof) and a generally rambunctious appetite that is rarely contained. Let's just say that total victory is unlikely, but progress is imminent and sometimes progress is all we need.

Of course, it's one thing to charge belly first into a plan set up for failure when it only affects yourself, but it's quite another to pursue a course with implications on the lives and livelihoods of others. It's kind of an important distinction, if you ask me—to separate your self (interests) from the interest of others. Again, it's all well and good to take chances in dubious schemes for yourself, but not so much when dealing with matters affecting other people. At the very least: Know what you need to achieve, consider present levels with respect to achieving it, and chart a reasonable course for getting there—buy-in from others is, of course, a plus.

Advocates at the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc., or NMPASI, are regularly called upon to participate in making plans that affect other people's lives. And, perhaps, no such plans are more familiar than the Individualized Education Plans, or IEPs, and Individual Plans for Employment, or IPEs, respectively through the Special Education Program and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Not that it happens all the time or even often, but inevitably there will be personalities in the planning process who seem to care more about the bureaucratic procedures and required paperwork than they do about the people for which the plans are intended. It seems that, as long as they comply with minimum requirements and the plans are neatly written with "measurable" goals, it doesn't really matter how it affects the individual or whether the individual agrees.

My favorite example: "[The student] will successfully cross the street 75 percent of the time"—talk about setting someone up for failure. It is measurable, even attainable and it has a fancy percentage symbol to boot—on paper it looks cool, but what happens the other 25 percent of the time? You see, every plan is only as good as the end result and, in the end, it really doesn't matter how well the numbers line up or how many forms are filled out in the process.

Still, it does help to actually have a plan when setting out to accomplish anything. Inevitably, there will be challenges and other barriers, but none should ever preclude us from trying—may we all successfully cross the street 100 percent of the time.

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The Weather

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TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲84	▼78
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼78
Yap	Rain	▲85	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲82	▼77
Pohnpei	Rain	▲87	▼71
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲66	▼58
Beijing	Showers	▲63	▼47
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲82	▼74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼74
London	Showers	▲60	▼54
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲72	▼54
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲81	▼73
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲53	▼45
Osaka	Sunny	▲73	▼58
Paris	Showers	▲62	▼50
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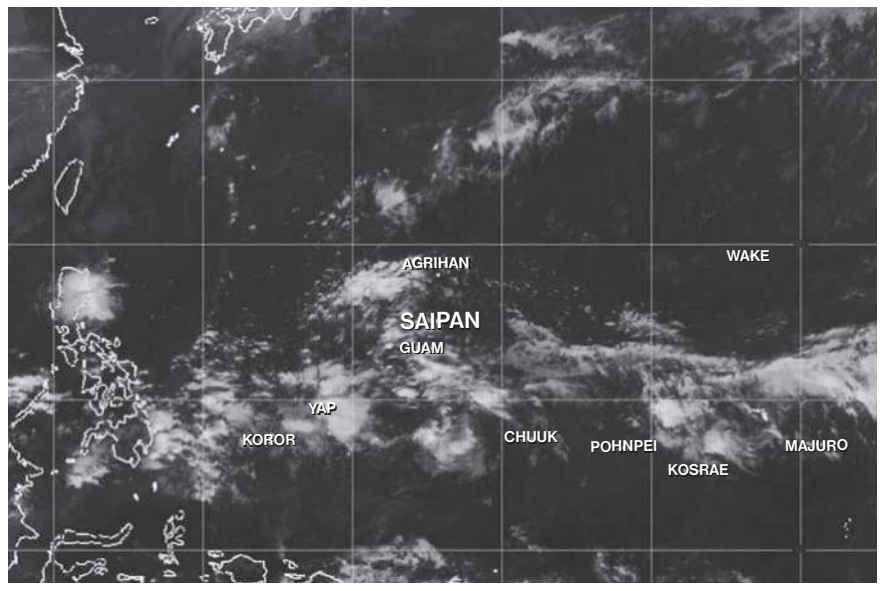

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends northeastward from 7N130E to end near 11N147E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of Koror west of a line from 12N133E to 4N132E over Yap between 12N and 7N from 135E to 142E and southeast of the Marianas between 13N and 6N from 143E to 150E. An upper-level low centered northwest of the Marianas near 18N136E is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of the CNMI within 80 miles of a line from 15N137E to 19N145E. An upper-level trough runs southwestward from a circulation centered at 24N180 to 16N157E then turns westward to end at 19N148E. A surface trough stretches southward from 13N172E to 6N171E. These features are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of the Marshall Islands between 14N and 9N from 167E to 178E. Another surface trough extends southward from 11N163E to 7N162E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found north of Kosrae between 10N and 6N from 160E to 165E. Trade-wind convergence is causing scattered showers to develop east of Majuro between 8N and 4N from 176E to 180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:43 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
11:58 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
5:26 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
9:56 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:13 AM	5:49 PM
Tuesday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Wednesday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Thursday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:26 AM	10:03 PM
Tuesday	11:18 AM	11:00 PM
Wednesday	12:05 PM	11:54 PM
Thursday	12:48 PM	
Friday	1:27 PM	12:45 PM

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C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
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OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

DREAMS

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creeping up on us but we have neglected the signs. For example, if we have a slight physical discomfort and ignore it, it can become a serious illness such as diabetes. When we finally decide to treat it, it may be too late or it will take great effort to treat it and at great expense.

Let's discontinue our drive about town and go home and ponder how we can resolve the years of neglect and consider how we arrived at this low depth in which our dreams have faded. Are there solutions? Yes, but are we ready to enter the "discomfort zone?"

To begin, we must start with ourselves. No excuses allowed. No, don't blame the elected officials. They are us. We listened to them and believed them. Did we run to them as soon as we saw our dreams fading? If we did, did we shout loud enough?

Let's begin by cleaning up our yards; let's start painting our houses; let's get the junk out of our yards. Let's spruce up our immediate surrounding and encourage our neighbors to do likewise. In fact, let's offer to assist them in doing to their property what we are doing to ours.

As we are doing this, let's go into the tourist areas and clean them up. Let's insist that the weeds be trimmed and that garbage be taken away. Let's create cleanliness to show our tourists. As we are doing this, feel the pride that slowly begins to arise in us. We are on the road to awakening our dreams.

As we begin to make the personal changes, which, by the way, do not cost us any money except tolerating the "discomfort zone," we will be able to reverse the trend and begin to make changes around us on a bigger scale. It must come from one and build to many. Frankly, if we don't feel the need to improve ourselves, no change will take place.

The next time you put off doing something, think about the "comfort zone" and the "discomfort zone." Therein lies the fulfillment of our dreams or the failure of our dreams. Which will it be?

Let's part with some thought provoking phases:

"You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wildness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself."—Alan Alda

"Procrastination is the fear of success. People procrastinate because they are afraid of the success that they know will result if they move ahead now. Because success is heavy, carries a responsibility with it, it is much easier to procrastinate and live on the 'someday I'll' philosophy."—Dennis Waitley

DO IT! Let's get off our buts! Keep smiling!

UNDER

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gullible and believe anything based on hearsay. It's a known fact that, about three years ago, a ranking member of Congress had already pronounced that no one would be given improved status. Why was that so hard to comprehend? Are we speaking another language here?

Now businesses are scrambling to finance the fees to petition their employees. See what you made your employer start doing! Do you think that there is enough money to retain all their employees? You claimed to have built the economy but all I see is you folks reducing it to ruins. Is this what you have envisioned? Enough damage has been done and I believe it is time for the local workforce to prove itself. We are determined to move forward.

I do know why businesses are reluctant to hire locals. They say locals lack trade skills and the ability to consistently show up for work. To a certain degree that may be true but not all locals have that behavior. There will always be individuals that don't perform as well as others. There is always a bad apple in a bunch. So tell me, who are really being discriminated against? Businesses need to practice the hire-and-fire strategy until such time they find a capable employee. And I will make myself clear to all doubting contract workers: We were fine before you all came and we will be fine when you all leave. At some point, our local people must do things on our own. How can we prove ourselves when we were not given that chance? If we locals reduce the businesses to crumbs then so be it. Simple math suggest that if 5,000 of our unemployed locals fill those jobs currently taken by foreign workers, we will have 5,000 local employees whose money earned would be spent in the CNMI. That money will circulate within the CNMI and the CNMI economy will see an increase in revenue. Even better if the local workforce could go three-fold or better.

There was already an existing system to apply for green card or U.S. citizenship. Pick a number and stand in line. It is unfair for those who waited years to obtain one. All I see is more forms to fill at the expense of employers. Your children were enjoying free education and other perks, only to be cut short because of someone selling you a dream. None of this would have happened if someone had just kept silent. In recent reports, the CNMI government has spent over a million dollars in dialysis. A million? Federal law states whether you have insurance or not, our local hospital could not deny you medical services. To compare, your hospital back home will deny me services if I don't pay the bill outright. Yet the CNMI absorbs the costs associated with your medical services or welfare. The CNMI is not getting reimbursed by your country. What has your country ever done for the CNMI? You are here because you came here to work. Now that you are without a job you don't want to leave until you get what you want and head east.

Saying that you are applying for green card or U.S. citizenship because of years of prolonged stay is a shameful request. Because you allowed assumptions and hearsay dictate your life, it just contributed to more hardships and instability to your family. This letter was not intended to anger, annoy, or hurt anyone but to tell you can't always get what you want. Your fate will be decided come Nov. 27. It all started as an idea. An idea that sounded so good it turned so bad. Good luck to you, your family, and future endeavors.

Vince G. Cabrera
Chalan Piao, Saipan

TAITAI

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David Peter, Betti Kaipat, Pedro Olopai, Jose Taitano, Luis Limes yan otru siha ni tumuge' yan kumanta tinige' niha. Dispues pega halom i manatatte ni mañaunau humatsa kantan Chamolinian siha guine na islas. Siha este i mina' kuattu na tropa as Bokuñgo', Kandidu Taman, Tropicsette, Jess Sonda', Colonel, Chamolinian, Si Kitalañg, Cris Kaipat, Alfred Saures, Erlynn yan hagaña Amber, i defuntu Max Pangelinan yan Angel Falig, Joseph Dias, yan otru siha kantot yan danderu.

Memegaiña gi kantan Marianas machule' ginen otru siha na sunidu desde tiempon Haliman, Español, Japones yan pagu Amerikanu. Megai lokue' na attistan dandan hasan talie' man-mange' orihinat na tunada yan palabran Chamorro. Mayotmente i usun tinige' otru na attista siha ginen lagu ni mapega konbiñiente kumu "adaptation". Mañgge usun talentu guine?

Yahu un' dia lumie' kabales na materiat orihinat parehu ha' sunidu yan usun liñguahita pot tano'ta, tat kumu i tasi, kuttura yan tradision. Espesifikamente, hafa sustansian i tautauta? Siña ta fatta hafa sustansian Chamolinian?

Siña ta suhaye un' ratu si neni? Ti pot hafa lau megai gi este siha na sunidu finañagon pininite pot mayamag mabendise na kasamientu. Na ti guaha pution, pulan, tanu', tasi, flores, pajaru, man-gatbu na famalao'an natibu, yan otru siha asuntu ni libianu ta tuge'i palabras yan sotfa? Chage fan maseha adumididi'?

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB12-DLNR/DFW-005

SUBMISSION DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2011 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"LEASE OF AN OFFICE SPACE FOR THE DEPT. OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE – ROTA BRANCH"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT

THE LESSOR MUST COMPLY WITH CNMI PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 8652 (A) – (D)

/S/ ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
ACTING SECRETARY OF DLNR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

This is to inform all Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)-approved Contractors (including Tinian and Rota contractors) that we are currently updating our Approved Contractor Listing for calendar year 2012. In order for NMHC to extend your company's inclusion on our listing for another year, you must submit the documentations listed below. Those companies that are not on our list of approved contractors but wish to be included are likewise encouraged to submit the following:

1. Valid CNMI Business License
2. Current Financial Statements (certified by the principle executive officer and principle financial officer)
3. 2 Years Business Gross Revenue (BGR) Tax Returns
4. 2 Years Corporate Income Tax Returns (1120)
5. Clearance Letter from the Department of Labor
6. Certificate of Compliance from the Revenue & Taxation Office
7. Workmen's Compensation Policy
8. Name of Insurance Company(ies) Currently Dealing With
9. A list of on-going/completed projects showing name of project, start and completion dates, and contract amounts
10. At least three (3) reference letters from owners of the completed projects
11. List of vendors and suppliers and at least three reference letters from them
12. Company background
13. Articles of Incorporation & Company By-Laws, if applicable
14. Annual Report (Registrar of Corporations)

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS BY DECEMBER 1, 2011 WILL RESULT IN YOUR COMPANY'S ELIMINATION FROM OUR LIST OF "APPROVED CONTRACTORS."

NMHC encourages Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MBE/WBE) to participate in this Request for Qualifications and that they will be afforded full opportunity to participate and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, or disability status.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- **DIEGO A. SASAMOTO and ANICIA S. SASAMOTO,** Defendants.	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0261** **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of our answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above Court:

DATED, this 26th day of October, 2011:

/s/ Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMARY MATTERS
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adopt of Minutes- August 17, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - September 13, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- e. Swearing-in of new Board members

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
IV. MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAM
- a. Request for a lease-to-own of Tinian property
- b. Update on October 4, 2011 Auction
- c. USDA RD update

V. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
VI. PROGRAM & HOUSING
- a. HCV Program Training Update
- b. Utility Allowance Update

VII. FISCAL AFFAIRS
- a. Preliminary Financial as of September 30, 2011
- b. Adoption of Travel Policy
- c. FY 2011 audit update

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
IX. OTHER MATTERS
- a. Proposal for Garapan Annex
- b. USDA RD SUTA comments
- c. LIHTC update—U.S. Treasury off-site review

X. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

RETIREES' GROUP APPEALS TO LEGISLATURE:

'Stop acting on bills that harm the retirement program'

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Retirees Association appealed to the Legislature to stop crafting or acting on legislation that will harm the already troubled retirement program.

In a letter Wednesday to Senate President Paul Manglona and House Speaker Eli Cabrera, association chair Lorenzo Cabrera cited the Beneficiaries Derivative Act as an example of a harmful bill that was enacted into law. He said the Act forced many of the Fund's money managers and its investment consultant to terminate their services with the Fund.

"The recent turn of events we have witnessed was the unfortunate enactment of Public Law 17-51. The capability of the Fund to invest in the money market has been impaired. Whether this is only temporary and that the money managers will regain trust and confidence in working for the Fund, we don't know. What we do know is that enactment of this law occurred at the most inopportune time with no assurance that the government plans or will comply with the court order," said Cabrera.

He pointed out that for over three decades, the Fund has been subjected to all kinds of changing legislation, some of which were detrimental to the financial well-being of the Fund.

Cabrera also cautioned legislators from passing a new measure, House Bill 17-226, which he described as a "death blow" to the Fund.

The bill allows active members of the defined benefit plan, or DBP, to withdraw their contributions without any severance of employment or penalty, which means all 2,996 members will be able to avail of this exit strategy if enacted into law. The bill's author is the House speaker.

According to the Fund, if all members withdraw their contributions, the payout will amount to $103.3 million, leaving the portfolio with only $170 million to support the accrued benefits of other members.

Cabrera asked both Manglona and Cabrera if the government will be able to find a replacement program for its employees when the current pension system collapses.

"A replacement program will cost money. Will the government make a commitment to be faithful in remitting its contribution? Will the government be able to provide workers compensation insurance at no cost to the employee? Will the government arrange for provisioning of health and life insurance coverages such as the type and amount of coverages that employees have come to enjoy?" asked Cabrera.

According to Cabrera, any jurisdiction where a government retirement program is established, the funding mechanism is put in place by requiring both the employer and employees to contribute based on rates and amounts as determined by an actuarial study and analysis. Its existence, he said, will continue as long as there are employees and the government continues to remit its share.

Based on a 2009 court judgment, the government was found owing the Fund over $231 million in unpaid employer contributions.

IT&E donates $50K-plus playground set for Pakpak Beach

CLARISSA V. DAVID

IT&E chief executive officer Ricky Delgado, sixth left, and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, fifth right, lead the company executives and government officials in cutting the ribbon last Friday, marking the official launching of the new playground set donated by the leading telecommunications provider in the CNMI and Guam. Inset, a young girl enjoys the slide at the new playground set donated by IT&E at Pakpak Beach Park.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Telecommunications provider IT&E has donated a brand new playground for the Pakpak Beach Park in San Antonio.

Chief executive officer Ricky Delgado led IT&E executives in presenting its donation to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and other government officials in a ceremony held Friday afternoon.

Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Diocese of Chalan Kanoa apostolic administrator, offered prayers and blessed the playground set that was worth over $50,000.

In an interview with reporters, Delgado said the playground was the idea of one of their executives, Larry Knecht. "I've been looking for good things to do on Saipan to uplift the spirits of people here," he explained.

According to Delgado, they saw that the Pakpak Beach Park playground, also donated by the former IT&E management, was already in a state of "disrepair."

"We're suffering like everybody else with the economy but it's still something good to do, it's still going to make a lot of people happy," said Delgado, adding that the project also became an opportunity for their employees to get involved with by doing it themselves.

"Certainly, the impetus is that no matter how bad things get, to continue to try to do good in this community and help people," he said.

Delgado said that while they have endorsed the upkeep of the beach park to the Division of Parks and Recreation, "we ask the public to take care of it, to love it like their own because it is their own."

Fitial, in his brief remarks, thanked IT&E "for demonstrating social conscience" with the donation of the playground, which will particularly benefit the young members of the community.

Parks and Recreation director Tony Benavente, for his part, said that the playground at Pakpak Beach Park is one of four playground sets donated by the former IT&E management. The other three are at Civic Center in Susupe, in Paupau, and in Kagman.

"I'm very happy about this donation and contribution to the public," said Benavente.

He noted that maintenance of the Pakpak Beach Park and other beach parks on island will be challenging given the $8,000 budget allotted to them for fiscal year 2012.

Besides the diminutive financial support, the government-wide work-hour cuts also impede them in their operations which cover "one end of the island to the other end."

Benavente hopes that their division will be able to do their maintenance and repair duties on all beach parks "with the public's help."

"I'm begging for any assistance in terms of community efforts to try and help out in this beautification because we're in tough times," he added.

NMC offers English Language Development Course

The Northern Marianas College, through the Community Development Institute, is offering short-term classes to interested individuals who wish to improve their English language skills.

This course will present the fundamentals of the English language, such as enunciation, pronunciation, dialogues, etc. Additionally, this course will expose the student to the grammatical concepts necessary for interactive skills development, as well as to help students identify grammar terms and concepts, which are applied, to dialogues and simple conversation.

The English Language Development Course will begin on Nov. 7 and end on Dec. 12, 2011. The course will take place from 10am to 11:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the NMC As Terlaje campus. The course fee is $300.

It is preferred that all interested individuals register before the start of the first day of class. Certificates of competence will be awarded to registered students who complete all course requirements. Full payment is required for admission to a class.

To register, or for information about these classes, visit the CDI Office in Building P on the NMC Campus in As Terlaje or call Les Ogumoro-Uludong at 234-5498 Ext. 1010 or e-mail logumoro@nmcnet.edu

The courses are offered as part of the college's mission to provide customized, continuing educational and professional development opportunities in response to community needs. Additionally, the classes, which are designed to improve individual knowledge and specific skills, are geared around actual workforce needs and experiences based on course surveys, community needs assessments, and interviews with employers. ***(NMC)***

Business

Americans spending more even as income almost flat

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans are making a little more money and spending a lot more.

Under normal circumstances, that would be a troubling sign for the economy. But a closer look at some new government figures suggests another possibility: People are saving less money because they're earning next to nothing in interest.

Saving is already difficult because of more expensive gas and food. It's even tougher because of the lower returns—the flip side of super-low interest rates that the Federal Reserve has kept in place since 2008 to help the economy.

Critics say the Fed is punishing those who play by the rules—those careful enough to set aside money for savings or people who built up a nest egg and are living on fixed incomes that depend on interest.

Americans spent 0.6 percent more in September, three times the increase from the previous month, the government said Friday. Spending was especially strong on durable goods—things like cars, appliances and electronics.

At the same time, what they earned was mostly flat. Pay increased 0.3 percent, and overall income just 0.1 percent. After deducting taxes and adjusting for inflation, income fell for a third straight month.

So to make up the difference, many have cut back on savings. The savings rate fell to its lowest level since December 2007, the first month of the recession—and right about the time the Fed started its dramatic series of interest-rate cuts.

"Consumers have hit a level of saturation in their savings," said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst with market research firm The NPD Group. "The propensity is to spend."

The annual yield on six-month certificates of deposit was unchanged this week at 0.23 percent, according to Bankrate.com. Five years ago, it was 3.62 percent. If you put your money in the six-month CD today, you'd make about enough to buy a burger.

Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said the trend could mean more spending by Americans. But it will take robust personal spending—along with improvement in the depressed housing market—to get the economy going again.

APEC security for Waikiki prompts grumbling

HONOLULU (AP)—John Aiwohi relishes playing volleyball on the white sands of world-famous Waikiki Beach every day.

But the Honolulu resident and others will be banned from a half-mile stretch of the beach in mid-November, when President Barack Obama hosts a meeting for Asia-Pacific leaders in the city where he was born.

Security checkpoints, barricades and street closures planned for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference are unprecedented for Waikiki, a tourist haven better known for surfers and mai tais.

Waikiki hasn't seen such heavy security since the military lined the beaches with barbed wire after the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The blanket of security has many who come to Waikiki each day grumbling. They wonder why leaders can't meet somewhere less congested, like another Hawaiian island or on a military base that has plenty of security.

"Did they really have to pick Waikiki to come for APEC?" Aiwohi asked during a break before going back on the sand court for a two-on-two game. "It's going to be a hassle. I understand what they're trying to do with this thing, convention and all, but really? Right here?"

AP

In this Feb. 1, 2006 file photo, Visitors pack Waikiki Beach in Honolulu.

Aiwohi, 38, knows people living in Waikiki who are planning to move in with relatives and friends during the meeting to avoid the congestion caused by the 24-hour roadblocks and presidential motorcades.

The conference is hosted by a different member nation or economy each year. Last year, it was in Yokohama, Japan. The last time it was in the U.S, in 1993, President Bill Clinton had it on Blake Island near Seattle.

Officials point out APEC is expected to bring in millions in revenues into this cash-strapped state and priceless attention.

Local leaders see the meeting as a chance to show off Hawaii as not only a vacation destination but an ideal place to do business. They're hoping conference photos and video beamed around the world will convince more people to visit the islands and support the state's biggest industry, tourism.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Qantas Airways grounds global fleet due to strikes

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia's government ordered an emergency arbitration hearing on Sunday after Qantas Airways grounded its global fleet amid a bitter dispute with striking workers, stranding passengers around the world. Government leaders, who expressed frustration over the airline's actions, were expected to argue at the hearing that Qantas should be forced to fly in Australia's economic interests. Qantas, the world's 10th-largest airline, announced Saturday that it would ground all flights. But CEO Alan Joyce said the airline could be flying again within hours if the three arbitration judges rule to permanently terminate the grounding and the unions' strike action.

Chase, Wells Fargo drop debit fees, BofA to adjust

NEW YORK (AP)—Chase and Wells Fargo are joining the list of banks that won't be charging customers to use their debit cards, as the backlash over Bank of America's planned $5 monthly fee continues. The retail banking arm of JPMorgan Chase & Co. will stop charging $3-per-month fees for using debit cards when its current pilot in Wisconsin and Georgia is completed in November, a source with knowledge of the bank's plans told The Associated Press. And it's not alone in rethinking its actions. Wells Fargo & Co. announced Friday that it is canceling its test program.

Nation

GOP contenders focus on flat taxes and smaller government

WASHINGTON (AP)—On jobs and taxes, the top Republican presidential rivals are locked in a fierce game of one-upmanship. They're all trying to outdo each other in offering the boldest economic plan for the campaign to unseat President Barack Obama next November.

Despite some notable differences in the blueprints, they all are built around the central theme that Obama's stimulus programs haven't worked and his job creation record is dismal. Example No. 1: Unemployment is holding at a painfully high 9.1 percent.

"We knew ultimately that the 2012 election was going to be a big referendum on the president," said Douglas Holtz-Eakin, former director of the Congressional Budget Office who was the chief economic adviser to Arizona Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign. "But Republicans also have to say what they would do. It's not enough to say we don't like what's going on."

Texas Gov. Rick Perry teased rival Herman Cain—"I'll bump plans with you, brother"—when both rolled out ambitious proposals for a single-rate flat tax. That's a concept hailed by numerous Republicans and some Democrats for its simplicity, yet it never has managed to attract much congressional support. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is the lone major GOP contender not calling for a flat or flatter tax.

The 2012 contenders also are serving up a platter of familiar conservative fare: calls for deep spending cuts, reduced government regulation and an emphasis on private enterprise as the true engine of job growth and prosperity.

The plans underscore the party's attempt to respond to the biggest voter concerns of the day and capitalize on what they see it as Obama's chief vulnerability, the still shaky recovery. The candidates claim their various plans would help create millions of private sector jobs; just how is not always clear.

With polls showing that most people support increasing taxes on the wealthiest households, as Obama and Democrats are proposing, the GOP flat-tax plans would largely end up as a boon to the wealthiest, independent analyses suggest.

The tax debate coincides with spreading protests, inspired by the Occupy Wall Street movement, against economic inequality. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office recently reported the top 1 percent of American earners doubled their share of national income over the past 30 years, to 20 percent.

GOP candidates' tax plans compared

ELECTION 2012

How the tax proposals of five Republican presidential candidates compare:

	Herman Cain	Newt Gingrich	Jon Huntsman	Rick Perry	Mitt Romney
Personal income taxes	9% flat tax on personal income; 9% sales tax	Optional flat tax rate of 15%	Eliminate all deductions and credits for three lower rates of 8%, 14% and 23%; eliminate Alternative Minimum Tax	Optional flat tax rate of 20% or keep current rate	Extend Bush tax cuts
Corporate tax rate (now 35%)	9%	12.5%	25%; tax holiday for repatriation of foreign earnings	20%; repatriation foreign earnings by paying 5.25 % tax for a limited time	25%
Capital gains tax (now 15%)	Eliminate	Eliminate	Eliminate	Eliminate qualified dividends,long-term capital gains	Eliminate for adjusted gross incomes under $200,000
Estate tax	Eliminate	Eliminate	No position stated	Eliminate	Eliminate

NOTE: Michele Bachmann has said she supports a flat tax but has not yet released a detailed tax plan; Ron Paul says he would abolish the income tax; Rick Santorum has not released a tax plan

Source: Reuters, candidate Web sites, MCT Photo Service Graphic: Judy Treible, Robert Dorrell

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ACROSS THE NATION

Early snow pelts East Coast, cuts power to 2M-plus

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)—An unusually early and powerful nor'easter dumped wet, heavy snow Saturday from the mid-Atlantic to New England, toppling leafy trees and power lines and knocking out electricity to more than 2 million homes and businesses. Communities inland were getting hit hardest, with eastern Pennsylvania serving as the bull's-eye for the storm. West Milford, N.J., about 45 miles northwest of New York City, had received 15.5 inches of snow by Saturday night, while Plainfield, Mass., had gotten 14.3 inches. New York City's Central Park set a record for both the date and the month of October with 1.3 inches of snow.

Small plane crash kills 2 at South Florida airport

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP)—Authorities are investigating after a small plane crashed at a South Florida airport, killing both people on board. The Federal Aviation Administration tells Miami's WFOR-TV that the single engine aircraft crashed under unknown circumstances Saturday morning at the Richards Field Airport in Homestead. The FAA says two people on board were killed, and the owner of the plane is from Miami. No other details were immediately available.

22 wounded Libyan rebel fighters arrive in Mass.

BOSTON (AP)—Nearly two dozen former Libyan rebel fighters were carried in stretchers or limped and hobbled out of a U.S. Air Force medical evacuation jet in Massachusetts on Saturday at the end of a 13-hour flight for treatment of wounds sustained in the war that ousted slain longtime leader Moammar Gadhafi. The envoy of Libya's National Transitional Council said the 22 fighters are the first of an estimated 200 combatants who will be flown to the United States for treatment.

Perry to attend at least 5 more debates

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rick Perry plans to participate in at least five more presidential primary debates, his campaign said Saturday, dismissing speculation that the Texas governor's lackluster performances so far would lead him to skip future Republican debates. Perry, who has struggled through parts of his first five debates, will attend all of the events currently scheduled in November as well as a December debate, his spokesman, Ray Sullivan, told The Associated Press. The decision comes after questions over whether Perry would bypass some debates to concentrate on other types of campaigning.

World

Score-settling after Libya's war casts shadow

TAWERGHA, Libya (AP)—This town once loyal to Moammar Gadhafi is no more: its 25,000 residents have fled, fearing retribution from vengeful victors from the neighboring city of Misrata who have burned and ransacked homes, crossed out Tawergha's name on road signs and vowed not to let anyone return.

Tawergha, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) south of Misrata, is just one casualty of score-settling following Libya's 8-month civil war that ended with Gadhafi's Oct. 20 capture and death.

The country's interim leaders have appealed for restraint, but seem unable to control revolutionary forces whose recent vigilante acts, including the suspected killing of Gadhafi while in custody, have begun to tarnish their heroic image abroad.

A Western diplomat said Libya's new leaders need to come out more strongly against the culture of revenge, and hold the former fighters accountable for their actions.

Failure to resolve such conflicts and bring regime supporters, including in the badly damaged loyalist towns of Sirte and Bani Walid, into the fold could destabilize Libya and hamper the attempted transition to democracy, the diplomat warned, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive subject matter.

However, people in Misrata, which was heavily damaged during the war, are in no mood for reconciliation. The port city of 300,000 rose up early against Gadhafi and came under a weekslong siege by Gadhafi fighters, many from Tawergha which served as a staging ground for the loyalists. Nearly 1,300 Misrata residents were killed and thousands wounded in the fighting, city officials say.

Misrata officials have accused the Tawerghans, some of them descendants of African slaves, of particular brutality during the war, including alleged acts of rape and looting. During the siege, Gadhafi fighters sniped at residents from roof tops and shelled the city indiscriminately.

Ibrahim Beitelmal, spokesman for Misrata's military council, said he believes Tawergha should be wiped off the map, but that the final decision is up to the national leadership. "If it was my decision, I would want to see Tawergha gone. It should not exist," said Beitelmal, whose 19-year-old son was killed in the fighting on Tripoli Street.

Misrata fighters captured Tawergha in mid-August, just days before the fall of the capital Tripoli dealt a fatal blow to the Gadhafi regime and forced the dictator into hiding in his hometown of Sirte.

Most of Tawergha's residents fled as the Misrata brigades approached, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Human Rights Watch said in a report Sunday that more than 100 civilians stayed in their homes, but that the militias quickly forced them out.

For the past two months, Tawergha has been a ghost town, with access roads blocked by earthen mounds and other obstacles. Road signs pointing to Tawergha have been painted over. Misrata brigades have scribbled slogans on the walls of abandoned homes.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Stipulated Order II Project Coordinator

DUTIES: COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES COPORATION (CUC) is a government entity that provides power, water and wastewater service on Saipan and power and water services on Tinian and Rota in the NMI. This position is under the supervision of the Technical Manager for Oil (TMO) or his/her designee. Position shall be primarily responsible for oversight of projects and compliance activities including oil management in support of the Stipulated Order (SO) of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marian Islands. The "Project Coordinator (PC) " shall assist the TMO for overseeing, all oil spill prevention , preparedness and response operations and compliance activities and deliverables, on a daily basis as required by stipulated order. The PC shall also function as the Acting TMO during the absence or non-availability of EPA and will be the person responsible for maintaining regular contact with EPA staff regarding section 311 CWA compliance issues, including representation in the US Federal court and other regulatory agencies. In the absence of the TMO, PC will have authority to make decisions for the management and operations of oil related items required by stipulated order.

LOCATION: Saipan , Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: Pursuant to qualifications $50,000.00 to $74,989.00 per annum; Un-classified; Un-graded.
POSITIONS: One.
CONTRACT: Two-year

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Completion of four (4)years of college or its equivalent with major work in engineering , with the following :

- 10 years in project administration and management, including overseeing work of contractors and company staff in an executive management position with proven management and communication skills.
- Environmental compliance, with a min of three (3) years of experience with oil spill, prevention, preparedness and response, environmental assessment related to power plant operations and extensive knowledge of DEQ and EPA regulations.
- 5 years experience in preparing bid or request for quotations and proposals.
- 5 years experience in contract negotiation and preparation.

Desirable:

- Prior experience of staff training and development.
- Master's degree in engineering and registration as professional engineer pursuant to the National Council of Engineering Examiners standards in civil, mechanical or chemical engineering.
- Certification in API tank inspection.

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JVA No. 11-059

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Assistant Engineer (Electrical)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Rota or his/her designee. Assists with designs, executes, coordinates, or oversees assigned pieces of projects to ensure adherence with applicable specifications and standards. Assists the public with a variety of inquiries and requests; provides technical information on projects. Maintains project files; prepares related correspondence. Prepare RFPs. Assists with design calculations, engineering drawings, and sketch preparations. Prepare technical and engineering reports. Performs system loss and efficiency studies. Performs research for Engineers. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level as required.

LOCATION: Power Plant, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: $23,200.00 to $33,640.00 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: One.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering. Knowledge of: Safe work practices; Applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Basic project management principles; Engineering Math; Engineering principles and practices. Skill in: Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; Presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; Trouble-shooting and problem solving; Reading and interpreting scaled drawings; Preparing specifications, plans, and cost estimates; Conducting studies; Using CAD programs to prepare plans for small projects and exhibits; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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LOCATION: Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: $23,200.00 to $33,640.00 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: One.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Knowledge of: Safe work practices; Applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Basic project management principles; Engineering Math; Engineering principles and practices. Skill in: Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; Presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; Trouble-shooting and problem solving; Reading and interpreting scaled drawings; Preparing specifications, plans, and cost estimates; Conducting studies; Using CAD programs to prepare plans for small projects and exhibits; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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LOCATION: Power Plant, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: $17,282 to $25,059 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: One.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade–in this case mechanic. Knowledge of: Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Basic mathematics. Skill in: Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level maintenance and installations in assigned service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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ASIAN BRIEFS

Attack on NATO convoy kills 17 in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A Taliban suicide bomber rammed a vehicle loaded with explosives into an armored NATO bus Saturday on a busy thoroughfare in Kabul, killing 17 people, including a dozen Americans. The blast occurred on the same day that a man wearing an Afghan army uniform killed three Australian soldiers and an Afghan interpreter in the south. A spokesman for the fundamentalist Islamic movement, which was ousted in the 2001 invasion for its affiliation with al-Qaida, claimed responsibility for the Kabul attack, saying the bomber had used 1,540 pounds (700 kilograms) of explosives.

5 killed as truck plunges into Philippine ravine

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A truck carrying 43 people from a wedding has plunged into a ravine in the mountainous northern Philippines, killing at least five people. The Office of Civil Defense says 38 other passengers were taken to three hospitals late Saturday after rescuers retrieved them from the bus wreckage at the bottom of a 262-foot-deep (80-meter-deep) ravine in Bauko township in Mountain Province. Police say they will resume a search for other possible victims and belongings Sunday. They stopped retrieval work due to heavy fog and darkness a few hours after the accident. It was not immediately clear what caused the truck to veer off the highway.

India footbridge collapses; over 30 feared drowned

GAUHATI, India (AP)—Two bodies have been recovered and 30 other people were feared drowned after a footbridge spanning a river in northeast India collapsed, police said Sunday. Police and paramilitary forces rescued at least 31 villagers from the river following Saturday's accident, senior police officer Kyle Aya said. One later died in a hospital. One body was recovered overnight and another was found Sunday morning, Aya told The Associated Press. Many of the people crossing the bridge in the town of Seppa when it collapsed were women and children, he said.

China arrests 12,000 in online narcotics crackdown

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese authorities have arrested more than 12,000 suspects and seized 300 kilograms (660 pounds) of illicit drugs in a nationwide crackdown on narcotics sold through online chat rooms. The official Xinhua News Agency says police busted 144 drug rings involved in narcotics production and trafficking in a recent campaign. Xinhua says police in the western cities of Lanzhou and Xi'an found that some people were selling and buying drugs through chat rooms that were not accessible to outsiders. It says newcomers could only join if they were introduced by existing users.

China coal mine gas blast kills 29 workers

BEIJING (AP)—A gas explosion at a coal mine in central China has killed 29 workers, Chinese authorities said Sunday. Six other miners survived Saturday evening's blast at a state-owned coal mine in Hengyang city in Hunan province, China's State Administration of Work Safety said in a statement on its website. Five of the workers were rescued, while one climbed out of an air shaft of the Xialiuchong Coal Mine, the statement said. The work safety administration said rescue work was complete as no other miners were working at the time of the explosion.

Health & Fitness

Halloween doesn't have to be gorge-fest to be fun

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP)—Offer apples to trick-or-treaters and risk having your house get egged—maybe even by your own kids.

But dentists and dietitians say you can still make Halloween reasonably healthy for little devils and witches without resorting to dracul-onian tactics, like no candy.

"This is such a big adventure for them—let them have it, obviously with some caveats," said Dr. Rhea Haugseth, a dentist in Marietta, Ga., who's president of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

There are tricks for keeping Halloween fun without risking cavities and extra pounds, like handing out dark chocolate instead of chewy candies or even bribing kids with a toy in exchange for the Halloween loot. Some studies have suggested dark chocolate is good for the heart, and chewy candies stick to the teeth.

Just don't go overboard on restrictions, says Cole Robbins, a Chicago 12-year-old and Halloween veteran.

"Halloween is the one day of the year where we kids just kind of break out and overload on candy," he said.

To help prevent that kind of gorging, try to give children a healthy, filling meal before trick-or-treating, says Bethany Thayer, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association who works at the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.

ON THE NET

- **American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry: http://www.aapd.org**
- **American Dietetic Association: http://www.eatright.org**

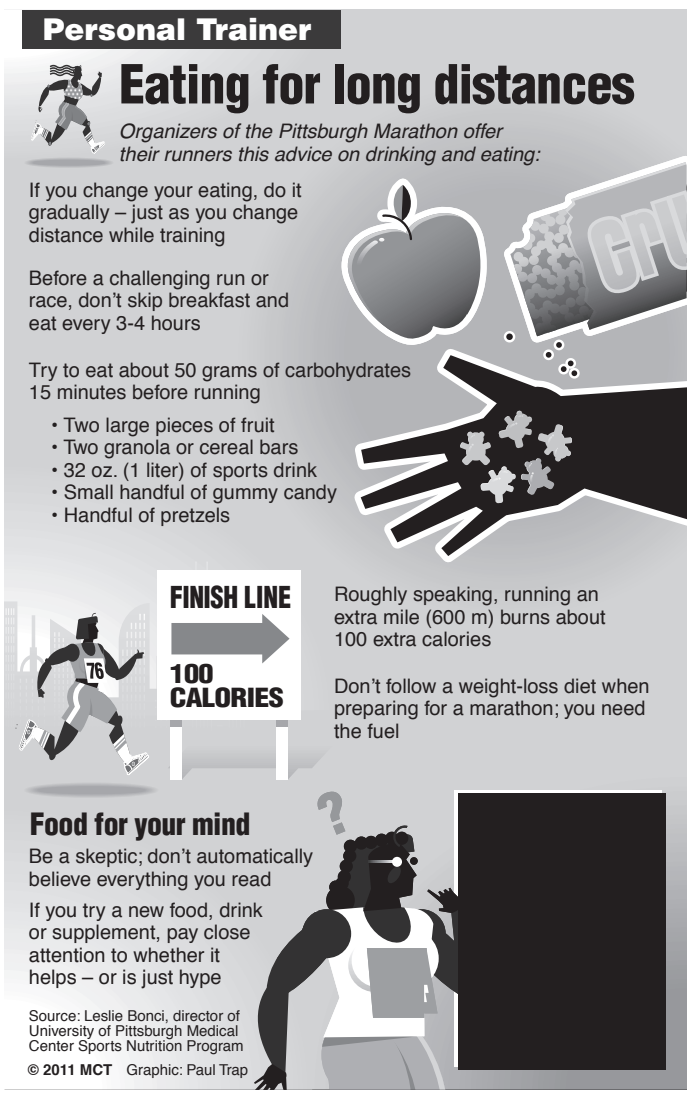
Procrastinators, take heart. Thayer also recommends waiting until Halloween day before buying candy, so no one is tempted to indulge beforehand.

"I know people who have to go back to the store because they've completely gone through their candy" before Halloween, she said.

Haugseth suggests avoiding cavity-promoting treats like caramels that stick to the teeth, or lollipops that bathe teeth in a long sugary bath.

Also, having kids brush their teeth before trick-or-treating helps reduce plaque and bacteria, which interact with sugar to produce tooth-decaying acid, Haugseth said. Kids should also brush right after eating candy, she said.

Ronni Litz Julien, a Miami nutritionist whose patients include overweight and obese kids, says another trick for parents is to ask kids not to dip into their loot bags until they bring it all home. That's for safety, so parents can toss any suspicious-looking candy, but it also can prevent an "eating frenzy."


Personal Trainer
Eating for long distances
Organizers of the Pittsburgh Marathon offer their runners this advice on drinking and eating:
If you change your eating, do it gradually – just as you change distance while training
Before a challenging run or race, don't skip breakfast and eat every 3-4 hours
Try to eat about 50 grams of carbohydrates 15 minutes before running
• Two large pieces of fruit
• Two granola or cereal bars
• 32 oz. (1 liter) of sports drink
• Small handful of gummy candy
• Handful of pretzels
FINISH LINE
100 CALORIES
Roughly speaking, running an extra mile (600 m) burns about 100 extra calories
Don't follow a weight-loss diet when preparing for a marathon; you need the fuel
Food for your mind
Be a skeptic; don't automatically believe everything you read
If you try a new food, drink or supplement, pay close attention to whether it helps – or is just hype
Source: Leslie Bonci, director of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Sports Nutrition Program
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LOCATION: Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: $17,282 to $25,059 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: Thirteen
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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SALARY: $17,282 to $25,059 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: Five.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case electrical. Knowledge of: Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Basic mathematics. Skill in: Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level maintenance and installations in assigned service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JVA No. 11-064

Opening Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2011
Closing Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Trades Technician (Operator)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, maintenance and/or repairs in the service area assigned. Install new plant and equipment. Operate and maintain plant and equipment. Performs preventative maintenance in service area assigned. Maintains level of supplies and equipment. Positions assigned to Power Generation are also responsible for: Control room Operations and load dispatch. Monitor and balance generator and feeder loads.. Start up and synchronize generator sets. Monitoring lubrication oil and fuel consumption. Check and monitor engine oil and cooling water temperatures and pressures. Check and monitor bearing , exhaust gas and charge air temperatures. Record readings and report generator and feeder trips to plant management. Prepare switching programs and coordinate distribution line switching for plant and field staff. Monitoring loads on feeders and generators. Incinerating used oil and carry out SPCC plan routine work. Perform preventive maintenance and overhauls on plant and equipment. Troubleshoot and rectify faults on plant and equipment. Test and calibrate equipment. Condition monitoring and routine testing of generators, transformers and motors. Perform housekeeping duties. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level as required.

LOCATION: Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: $17,282 to $25,059 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: Four.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case operator. Knowledge of: Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Basic mathematics. Skill in: Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level maintenance and installations in assigned service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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Opening Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2011
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Trades Foreperson (Mechanic)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Serves as a foreperson, leading a team of workers - assigning and monitoring work and providing technical direction. Trouble shooting and Problem Solving. Plans work and prepares daily schedules and submits for approval. Responsible for teams output and productivity. Performs inspections and monitors subordinates work. Responsible for safety and enforcing CUC policies within the team. Performs inventory spot checks on tools, parts and materials; processes requisitions for necessary tools, parts and materials. Prepares and submits weekly and monthly reports. Provides technical advice and performs journeyman level operations and maintenance level work in the service area assigned. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level as required.

LOCATION: Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: $21,104 to $30,601 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: One.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education. Four years of journey-level experience at the level of a Trades Technician, or comparable experience related to the Power Generation area assigned, including one year of experience leading a crew. Graduation from a Vocational/Technical Institution as a mechanic. Knowledge of: Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Mathematics for Technicians. Skill in: Preparing daily schedules, prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Trouble shooting; Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level operations and maintenance in service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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Opening Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2011
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Trades Foreperson (Electrical)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Serves as a foreperson, leading a team of workers - assigning and monitoring work and providing technical direction. Trouble shooting and Problem Solving. Plans work and prepares daily schedules and submits for approval. Responsible for teams output and productivity. Performs inspections and monitors subordinates work. Responsible for safety and enforcing CUC policies within the team. Performs inventory spot checks on tools, parts and materials; processes requisitions for necessary tools, parts and materials. Prepares and submits weekly and monthly reports. Provides technical advice and performs journeyman level operations and maintenance level work in the service area assigned. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level as required.

LOCATION: Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY $21,104 to $30,601 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: One.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education. Four years of journey-level experience at the level of a Trades Technician, or comparable experience related to the Power Generation area assigned, including one year of experience leading a crew. Graduation from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an electrician. Knowledge of: Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Mathematics for Technicians. Skill in: Preparing daily schedules, prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Trouble shooting; Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level operations and maintenance in service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

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Life & Style

Defense witness: Michael Jackson caused own death

LOS ANGELES (AP)—With dramatic courtroom testimony, attorneys for Michael Jackson's doctor have dropped the bombshell they've been hinting at for months—an expert opinion accusing the singer of causing his own death.

Dr. Paul White said Jackson injected himself with a dose of propofol after an initial dose by Dr. Conrad Murray wore off. He also calculated that Jackson gave himself another sedative, lorazepam, by taking pills after an infusion of that drug and others by Murray failed to put him to sleep.

That combination of drugs could have had "lethal consequences," the defense team's star scientific witness said Friday.

Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

White showed jurors a series of charts and simulations he created in the past two days to support the defense theory. He also did a courtroom demonstration of how the milky white anesthetic propofol could have entered Jackson's veins in the small dose that Murray claimed he gave the insomniac star.

White said he accepted Murray's statement to police that he administered only 25 milligrams of propofol after a night-long struggle to get Jackson to sleep with infusions of other sedatives.

"How long would that (propofol) have had an effect on Mr. Jackson?" asked defense attorney J. Michael Flanagan.

"If you're talking effect on the central nervous system, 10 to 15 minutes max," White said.

He then said Jackson could have injected himself with another 25 milligrams during the time Murray has said he left the singer's room.

"So you think it was self-injected propofol between 11:30 and 12?" asked Flanagan.

"In my opinion, yes," White said.

The witness, one of the early researchers of the anesthetic, contradicted testimony by Dr. Steven Shafer, his longtime colleague and collaborator. Shafer earlier testified Jackson would have been groggy from all the medications he was administered during the night and could not have given himself the drug in the two minutes Murray said he was gone.

"He can't give himself an injection if he's asleep," Shafer told jurors last week. He called the defense theory of self-administration "crazy."

White's testimony belied no animosity between the two experts, who have worked together for 30 years. Although White was called out by the judge one day for making derogatory comments to a TV reporter about the prosecution case, White was respectful and soft spoken on the witness stand.

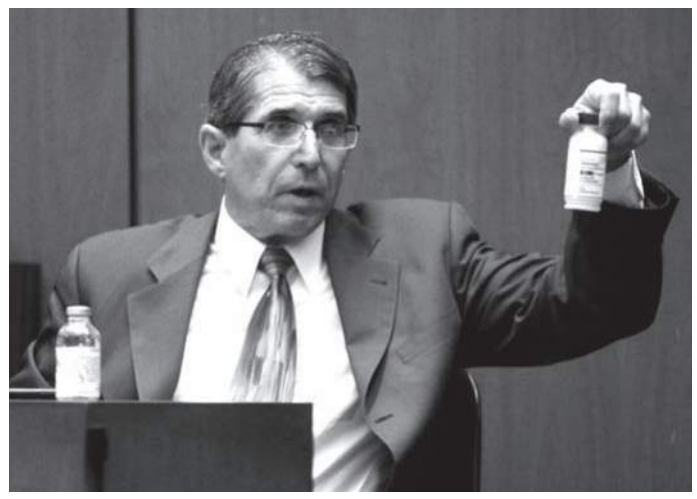
When Flanagan made a mistake and called him "Dr. Shafer" a few times, White said, "I'm honored."

The prosecution asked for more time to study the computer program White used before cross-examining him. Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor granted the request, saying he too was baffled by the complicated simulations of Jackson's fatal dose. He recessed court early and gave prosecutors the weekend to catch up before questioning White on Monday.

The surprise disclosure of White's new theory caused a disruption of the court schedule, and the judge had worried aloud that jurors, who expected the trial to be over this week, were being inconvenienced. But the seven men and five women appeared engaged in the testimony and offered no complaints when the judge apologized for the delay.

Prosecutors could call Shafer back during their rebuttal case to answer White's assertions.

Among the key issues is how White calculated that a large residue of propofol in Jackson's body could have come from the small dose that Murray says he administered. Shafer assumed Murray had lied, and he estimated Jackson actually was given 1,000 milligrams of the drug by Murray, who he said left the bottle running into an IV tube under the pull of gravity. White disputed that, saying an extra 25 milligrams self-administered by Jackson would be enough to reach the levels found in his blood and urine.



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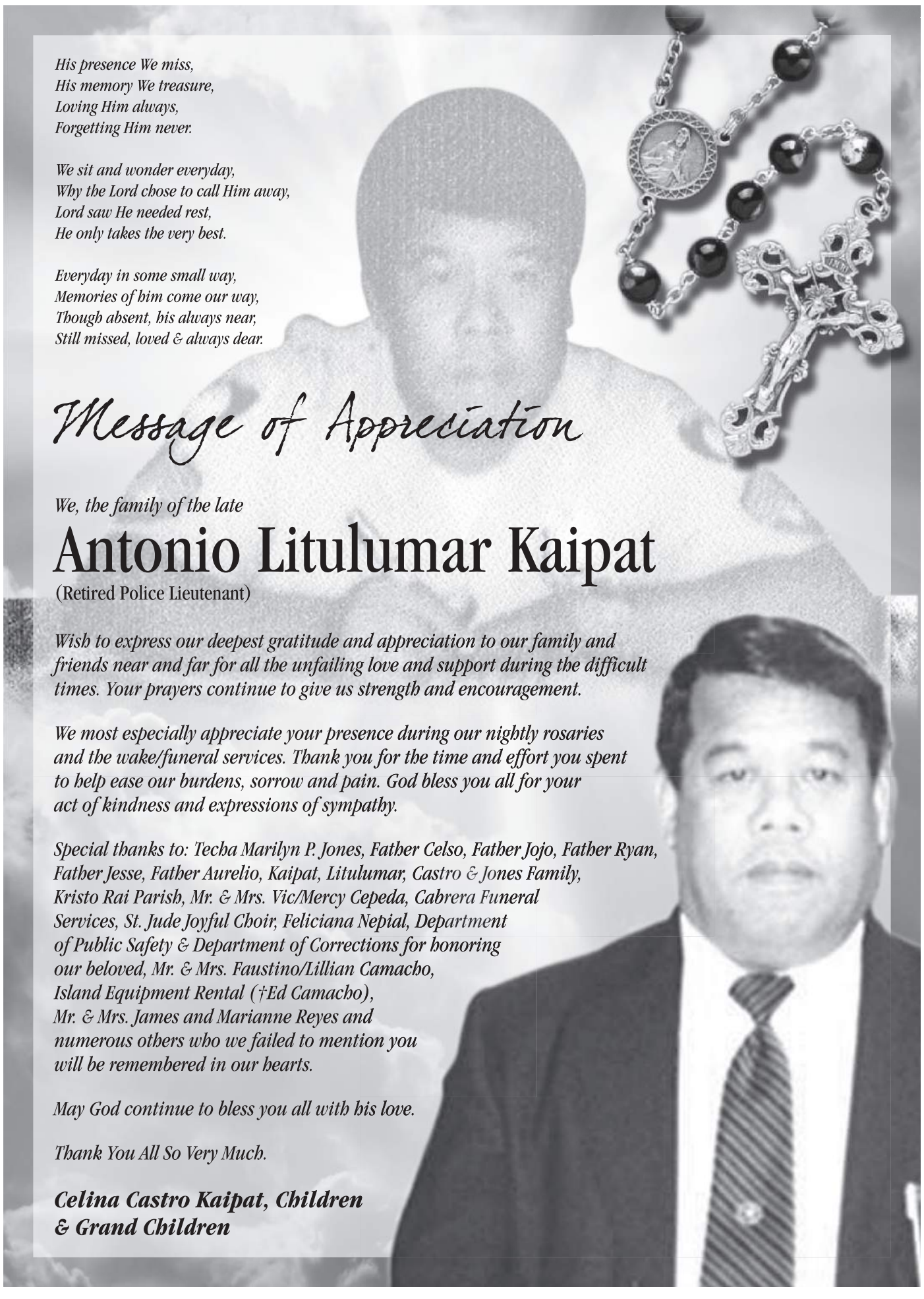
Dr. Paul White, an anesthesiologist and Propofol expert, holds a bottle of Propofol during Dr. Conrad Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial in Los Angeles on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011.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His memory We treasure,
Loving Him always,
Forgetting Him never.
We sit and wonder everyday,
Why the Lord chose to call Him away,
Lord saw He needed rest,
He only takes the very best.
Everyday in some small way,
Memories of him come our way,
Though absent, his always near,
Still missed, loved & always dear.
Message of Appreciation
We, the family of the late
Antonio Litulumar Kaipat
(Retired Police Lieutenant)
Wish to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to our family and friends near and far for all the unfailing love and support during the difficult times. Your prayers continue to give us strength and encouragement.
We most especially appreciate your presence during our nightly rosaries and the wake/funeral services. Thank you for the time and effort you spent to help ease our burdens, sorrow and pain. God bless you all for your act of kindness and expressions of sympathy.
Special thanks to: Techa Marilyn P. Jones, Father Celso, Father Jojo, Father Ryan, Father Jesse, Father Aurelio, Kaipat, Litulumar, Castro & Jones Family, Kristo Rai Parish, Mr. & Mrs. Vic/Mercy Cepeda, Cabrera Funeral Services, St. Jude Joyful Choir, Feliciana Nepial, Department of Public Safety & Department of Corrections for honoring our beloved, Mr. & Mrs. Faustino/Lillian Camacho, Island Equipment Rental (†Ed Camacho), Mr. & Mrs. James and Marianne Reyes and numerous others who we failed to mention you will be remembered in our hearts.
May God continue to bless you all with his love.
Thank You All So Very Much.
Celina Castro Kaipat, Children & Grand Children

YouTube launches broad entertainment venture

NEW YORK (AP)—YouTube is making a bold step into original programming in an entertainment venture with some 100 content creators, from Madonna to The Wall Street Journal.

The Google Inc.-owned video site said Friday that it's launching more than 100 new video channels. The partners include an array of Hollywood production companies, celebrities and new media groups that will produce mainly niche-oriented videos.

YouTube is shelling out $100 million to producers, according to people familiar with the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The money is an advance on advertising money the videos will bring in, and Google will recoup its portion first before splitting the proceeds. Advances are as high as $5 million per channel, said another person familiar with the arrangement, also speaking on condition of anonymity.

Neither person was authorized to comment publicly on the matter.

Google declined to offer financial details of the deals, but said the majority of revenue will go to partners.

Participants include Madonna, former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal, comedian Amy Poehler, actor Ashton Kutcher, "Office" star Rainn Wilson, spiritual doctor Deepak Chopra and "Modern Family" actress Sofia Vergara. Most are creating channels through their production companies. Madonna is a partner with the dance channel DanceOn, while O'Neal plans the Comedy Shaq Network.

Lionsgate is presenting a fitness channel, and other channels will be launched by news satire the Onion, professional wrestling's WWE, online magazine Slate and news service Thomson Reuters.

The channels will roll out beginning this month, though most will premiere next year. YouTube says the channels will add 25 hours of new original content daily, with dozens of Web series debuting at scheduled times.

Obamas hand out Halloween treats at White House

WASHINGTON (AP)—Turns out, the White House did not get egged.

Trick-or-treaters marched up the White House driveway on a wet, snowy Saturday, past the spider web-like gauze, the pumpkins and the costumed actors to the mansion's north portico where President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama handed out treats, an annual tradition.

"What's this? Look at this guy," the president said at the sight of one costumed child. "A headless man. Terrifying!"

And yes, the sweets included signature boxes of White House M&Ms, signaling a temporary respite from the first lady's healthy eating campaign. Dried fruit and White House baked cookies rounded out the handouts.

Earlier this week, in an appearance on the "Tonight Show," Obama joked to host Jay Leno that he had warned his wife that if she wanted to avoid Halloween mischief she might want to dole out more than just fruit and raisins.

"I told her the White House is going to get egged if this keeps up," he said, suggesting that she might want to add "a couple of Reese's Pieces or something."

In the spirit of compromise, a trait the president often says is all too rare in Washington, the M&Ms made it into the goody bags. Not exactly Reese's Pieces, but close enough. (Truth be told, the M&Ms were included in the treats last year, too). The sweet dough butter cookies were baked by White House Pastry Chef Bill Yosses.

The orange lights bathed the north portico as the president in black fleece jacket and slacks and the first lady in an overcoat greeted the parade of children. The Obamas were joined by the first lady's mother, Marian Robinson.

All three wished their guests happy Halloween and marveled at their costumes.

Commenting on the dank weather and nearly freezing temperatures, Obama said to nearby reporters: "I know it's cold here, you guys doing alright? It's not ideal out here."

Michelle Obama hugged several of the children and even wrapped one shivering child with her overcoat, declaring, "Oh, she's freezing!"

Actors from Washington-area theatres dressed as ghosts, Winnie the Pooh, a Star Wars stormtrooper, Charlie Chaplin and more greeted the children along the north lawn driveway.

Children from 17 elementary schools from Washington and nearby Virginia and Maryland school districts were invited. Children from the Boys and Girls Club of America and children from military families also participated. Later, the children of military families were invited to a Halloween party at the White House.

AP

President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and her mother Marian Robinson hand out Halloween treats as they welcome children from the Washington area and military members and their families to trick-or-treat at the White House in Washington, Saturday, Oct., 29, 2011.

Kevorkian suicide machine, paintings don't sell

NEW YORK (AP)—A suicide machine belonging to Dr. Jack Kevorkian was withdrawn Friday from an auction of the assisted-suicide advocate's possessions after failing to draw a high enough bid, while 17 of his paintings tied up in a legal dispute with a suburban Boston museum found no takers.

The paintings, including one Kevorkian did with a pint of his blood, and about 100 other personal items went on sale at the New York Institute of Technology. The estate had estimated the value of the 17 paintings at $2.5 million to $3.5 million.

Images of the paintings were displayed instead of the actual works because the Armenian Library and Museum of America has refused to surrender them.

Roger Neal, a spokesman for the Kevorkian estate, said he was not surprised that the paintings did not sell.

"I'm not sure how many people wanted to bid on artwork that was in litigation," he said.

The suicide machine had been estimated to sell for $100,000 to $200,000, but the highest bid was $65,000, said Neal's colleague, Lester Schecter.

"People just didn't bid on the big stuff," he said.

The assisted-suicide machine, known as a Thanatron, delivers intravenous drugs that put the person to sleep and then stops the heart. It was built out of household tools, toy parts, magnets and electrical switches.

Kevorkian sparked the national right-to-die debate with a homemade suicide machine that helped end the lives of about 130 ailing people. He was convicted of second-degree murder in 1999 for assisting in the 1998 death of a Michigan man with Lou Gehrig's disease. He was released from prison in 2007.

He died in June in suburban Detroit at age 83, leaving his property to his niece and sole heir, Ava Janus of Troy, Mich.

Other auction highlights included a bulletproof vest and his sweaters. Kevorian's last painting, made a year before his death, also was for sale and was not among the group of disputed works. Titled "9th Amendment," the pop art-style work depicts a U.S. treasury bill with an image of James Madison.

The proceeds will go to Janus and the charity Kicking Cancer for Kids.

Successful bidders of the disputed paintings would have had to make a 10 percent deposit that would have been held in escrow.

The Armenian Library and Museum of America, in Watertown, Mass., said the paintings were donated by Kevorkian, who was of Armenian descent.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Michael Lohan denied bail in Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—The estranged father of actress Lindsay Lohan has been denied bail in Florida. Hillsborough County jail records show Michael Lohan was being held Saturday without bond on four charges. He was arrested on domestic violence charges Tuesday. His bail was set at $5,000 and a judge warned him not to make any contact with his on-and-off girlfriend. Two days later, he was accused of violating the terms of his release by making a harassing phone call to her. Police went to arrest him and he tried to avoid them by jumping off a third-floor balcony at a Tampa hotel. He was injured and had to be taken to the hospital. He was released from the hospital Friday and put back in jail.

India fans vent anger after Metallica show nixed

NEW DELHI (AP)—Thousands of disappointed fans have broken chairs and torn posters after organizers canceled a Metallica concert on the outskirts of the Indian capital. The Press Trust of India news agency says police arrested four people from the company that had organized the concert on charges of cheating people who had waited for hours for the scheduled Friday performance by the American heavy metal band. Organizers said the concert was called off due to technical difficulties. Metallica promised full refunds to those who had bought tickets. The concert was part of the buildup to Sunday's Indian Grand Prix Formula One race in New Delhi. Metallica is scheduled to perform in the southern Indian city of Bangalore on Sunday.

Group: Iran frees actress, waives lashing sentence

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Amnesty International says an Iranian appeals court has overturned the lashing sentence against an actress who appeared in a film critical of the Islamic republic's hard-line policies. Amnesty's website says Marzieh Vafamehr was released from prison earlier this week after her sentence of one year in prison and 90 lashes was overturned on appeal. There was no report on Saturday on Vafamehr's case in Iranian media. Vafamehr appeared in the Australian-backed film "My Tehran for Sale," which was shot in the Iranian capital. It tells the story of a young actress whose stage work is banned by authorities. It premiered at the Adelaide Film Festival in 2009, but is banned in Iran.

'Jackass' star Bam Margera's Porsche hit in Pa.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Police say a new Porsche driven by "Jackass" star Bam Margera has been sideswiped by another motorist in suburban Philadelphia. State troopers say there were no injuries or citations issued in Thursday's accident near Margera's home in Pocopson Township. Margera's mother tells The Philadelphia Inquirer that a truck scraped the length of her son's 4-month-old Panamera while he was stopped at a stop sign. April Margera says the other driver told Bam that he was looking at his GPS when the crash happened. She says the motorist became excited when he realized who he'd hit. Margera says her son called home immediately after the accident to get insurance information. "Jackass" co-star Ryan Dunn and another man died in a drunken driving crash in the area in June.

Sins of wedding present's past shouldn't tarnish the future

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I was recently invited to a second cousin's wedding shower and wedding. To be honest with you, if I saw the bride-to-be on the street, I wouldn't recognize her. Although I won't be going to her shower, I am sending a shower gift. I plan on attending the wedding because I don't see this side of the family often.

My question is, what gift should I give the happy couple for their wedding? When I got married, her parents gave me a pair of used vases. How could I tell they were used, you ask? Not only were they not in their original packaging, but they also were dirty. Abby, there were dead flies in them! Being a well-mannered bride, I didn't mention this to my parents, but to this day I still remember.

WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING

DEAR WANTS: Until I saw your signature, I was tempted to suggest you wash and polish the vases, then nicely wrap and send one to your cousin with a note of congratulations, closing with "... more to follow." But knowing you want to do the "right" thing, I'm asking you to please not blame her for the actions of her parents, who may have been financially strapped at the time of your wedding. Then find out where she and her fiance are registered and send them something that's within your budget.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for eight years and are amazed that most of our married friends are unable to separate for even a night.

I was raised in a household where my parents took time for themselves—whether it was my dad's high school reunion that Mom had no interest in, or my mom's personal growth seminars that Dad was slow to accept. It worked for 48 years until Mom's death.

The wife of one couple we know refused to attend our high school reunion, so her husband didn't go either -- even though many of his close friends would be in attendance. He doesn't make plans for himself because everything has to be run past his wife.

Does our culture create insecurity? Have we lost our independence?

INDEPENDENT THINKER IN GEORGIA

DEAR INDEPENDENT: No. You have described a man who is passive and prefers to leave the social scheduling to his wife. I don't think it has anything to do with our culture. Many couples operate this way by mutual agreement, and you shouldn't take it personally.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a single, never-married, 50-year-old male. I have no children and was raised with strict, conservative Christian values that I have held onto all these years. I have never had any long-term relationships.

Recently I met a single gal at work, and we enjoy each other's company. Our backgrounds, however, are very different. She has been married twice and has two children. In addition, neither of her children was conceived from either of her marital unions.

My question is, would our diverse backgrounds impede the fostering of a healthy relationship, or is this something worth pursuing?

RELATIONSHIP-CHALLENGED

DEAR RELATIONSHIP-CHALLENGED: It depends on whether the two of you can have a meeting of the minds as well as a meeting of the hearts, and whether you are flexible enough to accept her just as she is and vice versa.

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A NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Tonight is the night when wee witches and goblins collect their loot. Please supervise them so they'll be safe.—ABBY

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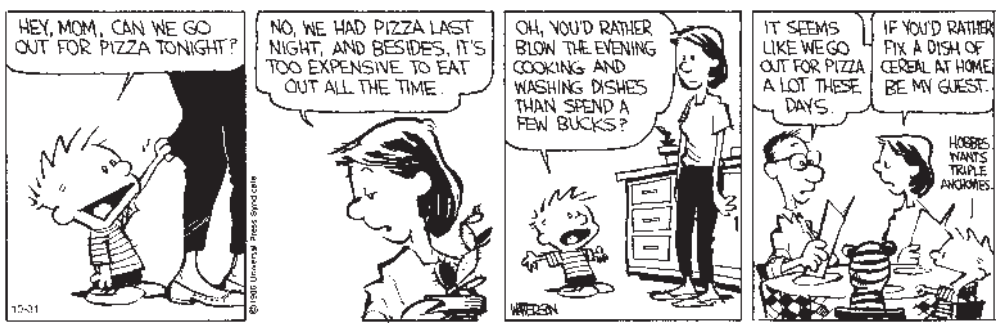
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HEY, MOM, CAN WE GO OUT FOR PIZZA TONIGHT?
NO, WE HAD PIZZA LAST NIGHT, AND BESIDES, IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE TO EAT OUT ALL THE TIME.
OH, YOU'D RATHER BLOW THE EVENING COOKING AND WASHING DISHES THAN SPEND A FEW BUCKS?
IT SEEMS LIKE WE GO OUT FOR PIZZA A LOT THESE DAYS.
IF YOU'D RATHER FIX A DISH OF CEREAL AT HOME, BE MY GUEST.
HOBBES WANTS TRIPLE ANCHOVIES.
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WHY ARE THERE FANG MARKS IN THE LASAGNA?
AND WHY IS THE TOMATO SAUCE MISSING?
OH, SURE. BLAME THE VAMPIRE
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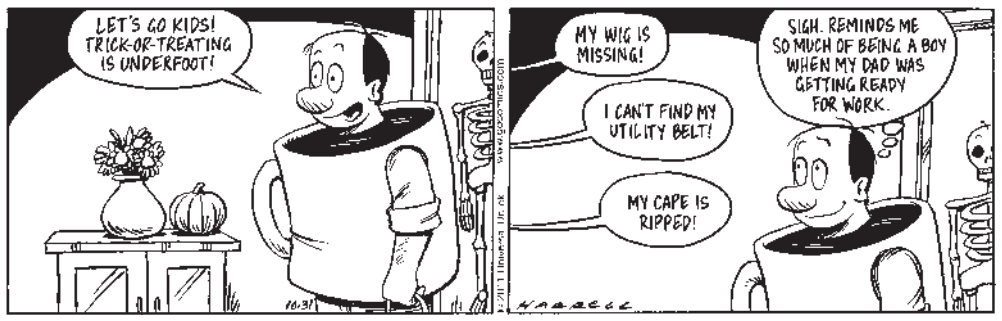
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I CAN'T FIND MY UTILITY BELT!
MY CAPE IS RIPPED!
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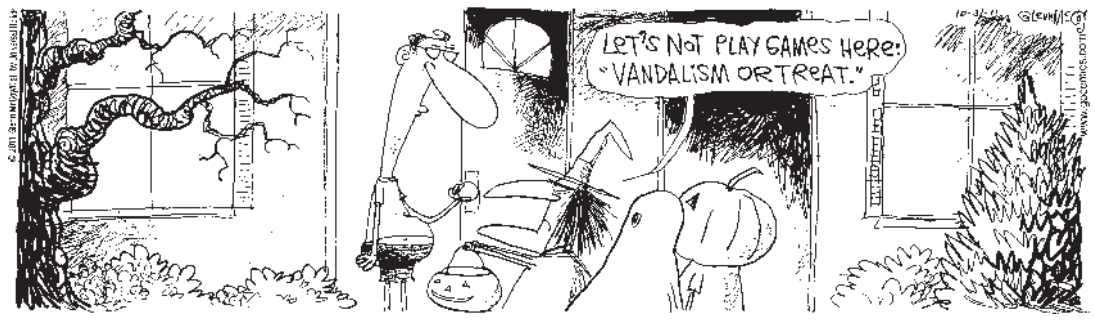
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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29 Competent
30 Barbie or Raggedy Ann
32 Take to the seas
34 Barbershop treatment
37 Goes up
39 Dance to rock music
42 Weighing device
44 Old theater letters
45 Wading bird
46 Poi base
50 Disencumber
51 Caustic solution
52 Morning moisture
53 Away from NNW

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 10-31

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54			■	55					■	56		
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Piper Perabo, 35; Mike O'Malley, 45; Dermot Mulroney, 48; Peter Jackson, 50.

Happy Birthday: Communication will help you excel. Be precise and ask for what you want. Anger will get you nowhere, but smart, honest negotiation will do the trick. Consistency will determine how seriously others take you and if your partnerships have the potential to develop or diminish. This is a year of give-and-take. Your numbers are 7, 10, 19, 22, 26, 39, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't let your emotions limit you. Problems with partnerships will arise if you feel inadequate or displaced. Don't dwell on the negative. Fix whatever isn't working for you and prepare to move forward. It's mind over matter that counts. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Look for an opportunity and you will find one. Online research will bring the answer you need to change what isn't working for you. Love is highlighted, and romance will enhance a relationship with someone you cherish. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Not everyone you work with or deal with while looking for work will be honest with you. Don't take anything for granted. Make sure others deliver what's being offered or promised in writing. A money issue must be rectified before it damages a relationship. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't put limitations on yourself. Speak up and you will get the feedback you require to advance. Update your skills and your image. Keeping up with the times will connect you to people in the know and help you move upward. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't be fooled by what others do or say. Act on your own findings rather than what someone else suggests. Deception revolving around money and what you can or cannot afford is apparent. It's important that you stick to your budget. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take action and grab what you want. This is not the time to be shy or hesitant. A chance to do something for others will lead to personal success. Love is on the rise, and prosperity is beckoning. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Laziness will be your downfall. Do everything you can before someone complains. Experience will help now, especially where financial and personal matters are concerned. You can't buy love, nor should you expect anyone to pay for your love. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Talks will lead to solutions. An opportunity will be the result of an understanding you come to with someone you are considering or with whom you are already partnered. It's critical that you share your intentions fully to ensure you aren't wasting time. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Make subtle changes at home that better fit your lifestyle. Not everyone will be happy with your choices, but it's important that you follow your heart and let everything else unfold naturally. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): A little effort will go a long way. Focus on what you can do to bring good fortune into your home and your domestic life. Make a choice that allows you greater financial freedom. Offer a service that will help pay the bills. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't be blinded by what someone insinuates. You have to base your decisions on truth and fact. Don't travel far from home or let anyone cost you financially or emotionally. Stick to your own agenda and you will succeed. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Take the past into account when making legal, financial or emotional decisions. Too much of anything will cause confusion. Helping others will bring you good fortune. Don't limit what you can do because of someone who is burdensome or restrictive. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are serious and determined. You always strive for success.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	5		4			9	2	
8					3	5		7
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4		6	9					3
	1	8			5		9	

Difficulty Level ★ 10/31

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Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

6	8	7	5	3	9	4	1	2
3	5	2	1	4	7	8	9	6
4	9	1	8	2	6	3	7	5
8	3	4	9	6	2	7	5	1
1	7	9	4	5	3	6	2	8
2	6	5	7	8	1	9	3	4
5	1	8	3	9	4	2	6	7
9	4	6	2	7	5	1	8	3
7	2	3	6	1	8	5	4	9

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/30

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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D	E	I	D	E	E	V	L	L	I	K	S	E	L	L
O	T	A	W	N	E	A	D	N	I	M	N	D	U	R
P	P	V	S	O	T	D	T	R	O	P	R	I	A	E
I	O	I	L	I	R	I	O	V	R	U	I	X	P	E
C	D	S	G	A	U	K	I	O	E	U	I	N	K	N
A	A	I	P	N	U	E	Y	N	G	P	E	H	E	O
L	D	O	Ⓐ	O	S	R	E	S	I	X	S	A	Y	I
I	E	N	Ⓟ	M	O	R	E	T	T	O	I	N	N	P
L	I	A	Ⓟ	T	P	G	U	N	T	D	I	O	O	I
I	P	R	Ⓢ	E	A	N	O	N	E	R	L	C	T	R
F	H	Y	R	P	E	I	I	M	E	M	E	I	E	A
E	O	T	P	S	L	C	I	S	U	M	A	N	S	F
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- Responsible for establishing goals & objectives for the operation.
- Has excellent sales and marketing executions.
- Ability to control profit & loss with business analysis.
- Salary $7.00/hr

1 BARTENDER
Qualifications:
- At least 3 – 5 years experience.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

1 SUPERVISOR
Qualifications:
- 3 – 5 years work experience in Bar/Night Club operation.
- Preferably College Graduate or College level.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.

15 WAITRESS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

5 SINGERS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Singer in a Karaoke Bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

Please mail your resume to PMB 697 BOX 10000 Saipan, MP 96950 Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545 between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

JUNG DONG ENT.

1 Building Maintenance Worker

Qualifications: High school graduate. A minimum of five years of work-related experience, knowledge or skill required. Must have strong skills and knowledgeable in building maintenance. Must be able to repair and maintain buildings, machinery, electrical and mechanical equipment. Must have basic knowledge and work experience doing carpentry, plumbing, electrical, masonry. Maintain tools, equipment, or structures, such as buildings, greenhouses, fences, or bench using hand or power tools. Minor repairs on small engines. Must be responsible and self-motivated. Must be hard-working, and able to follow directions well. Must be honest, dependable and trustworthy.

Duties: Maintain and repair machines, mechanical equipment and buildings. Work on plumbing, electrical and air-conditioning. Build partitions, make plaster or drywall repairs and fix or paint roofs, windows, doors, floors, woodwork and other parts of building structures. Trouble shooting and fixing faulty electrical switches, repairing air-conditioning motors and unclogging drains. Inspect and diagnose problems and determine best way to correct them. Obtain supplies and repair parts from distributors or storerooms. Use common hand and power tools and specialized equipment and electronic testing devices. Replace or fix worn or broken parts or make adjustments to correct malfunctioning equipment and machines. Perform routine preventive maintenance and ensure that machines continue to run smoothly, building systems operate efficiently and the physical condition of buildings does not deteriorate.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Applications may be submitted to Jung Dong Ent. at Dandan, Saipan, Tel. No. 235-2151.
All applications must be accompanied by a current resume.

LSG Sky Chefs

LSG Sky Chefs is seeking for the following positions to establish a list:

- Counter Attendant
- Food Server/Kitchen Helper
- Cook and Cook Helper
- Delivery Driver
- Sanitation Worker

Interested applicants must submit a court and traffic clearances, picture identification (i.e. driver's license or mayor's office picture identification), Social security card, passport or birth certificate.

We are located at the Tun Herman Pan Road and situated between the American Red Cross and the Historic Preservation Office.

MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Executive Director

Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) provides free legal services to people of limited financial means in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The administrative office is located in Capitol Hill, Saipan. MLSC is seeking applications for the position of **Executive Director**, who will work at the Capitol Hill Office.

Qualifications:
A J.D. degree, or the equivalent, and at least ten years of relevant professional legal experience, preferably in the area of providing free legal services to those of limited financial means.

General Responsibilities:
The Executive Director acts as the chief executive officer of Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and is appointed by and accountable to the Board Directors of MLSC. The Executive Director is responsible for insuring the economical and effective delivery of legal services and the maintenance of the highest quality of services and professional standards.

Duties Include:
- Develop and implement strategies to fulfill the goals of MLSC as set by the MLSC Articles of Incorporation and Board of Directors.
- Adopt rules and policies in furtherance of action taken by the Board of Directors.
- Assure implementation of and adherence to MLSC policy, in conjunction with the Deputy Director and as set forth in the Client Service Manual, Office Policies Binder, Personnel Manual, all job descriptions, and other MLSC policies.
- Assure compliance with Legal Services Corporation Regulations and instructions and funding conditions, in conjunction with the Deputy Director.
- Make staff hiring and termination decisions in accordance with personnel policies.
- Propose a budget annually to the Board of Directors, which includes staff size and configuration, staff benefits, office space and equipment, and all other expenditures.
- Supervise the preparation of the annual Refunding Application to the Legal Services Corporation and respond to inquiries regarding the Application.
- Work with Micronesian governments in conjunction with other staff members regarding annual appropriations to MLSC, and coordinate applications for other sources of funds.
- Maintain productive relations with the Board of Directors, Legal Services Corporation, and governmental and non-governmental institutions whose actions have an effect on MLSC.

Compensation and Benefits:
Compensation is dependent upon experience. Benefits include health insurance, annual leave, sick leave, and employer contribution to a 401(k) program. Please submit a resume and letter of interest by November 20, 2011, to:

By mail: Micronesian Legal Service Corporation
P.O. Box 500269, Saipan, MP 96950
By email: co@mlscnet.org

MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: Oct. 14, 2011 • Closing Date: Nov. 04, 2011

Micronesian Legal Services Corporation is looking for self-motivated individuals to fill the following positions:

1. **General Accountant**
   With Bachelor's Degree Major in Accounting.
   With minimum of 5-years experience in General accounting.
   Must be familiar with Peachtree Premium Accounting system.
   Working knowledge of Microsoft Office software.
   Must be familiar with CNMI/Federal Tax system.
   Must be familiar with FSM, RMI & Palau's Tax System.
   Salary depending on experience.
2. **Computer Support Specialist**
   Must have a course certificate or equivalent college degree in Computer Technology.
   With minimum of 5-years experience in computer, network and telecommunication systems.
   Must be familiar with Kemps Case Management Software.
   Salary depending on experience.

Please send your resume and current Police Clearance to: admin.central@mlscnet.org; fax to: (670) 322-7101 or mail to: P.O. Box 500269 Saipan, MP 96950.

MLSC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Job Vacancy Announcement

Legal Counsel (2)

Open: October 24, 2011 • Closed: November 07, 2011
FLSA Status: Exempt

The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is looking for experienced legal counsels. Detailed information about the requirement for the positions and employment application may be obtained at the OPA website: http://www.opacnmi.com .

Interested applicants must submit all the required information by mail, email, or hand delivery at the office/email addresses listed below. Submission must be marked confidential and must have the applicant's name and returned address.

Office of the Public Auditor
1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill • P.O. Box 501399, Saipan MP 96950
Email: jobs@opacnmi.com

RUSTAN'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE SAIPAN

Invites qualified US Citizens to apply for the below position;

Operations Manager (1) - Graduate of a 4 year degree course in Accounting or Business Management. Must have a minimum of 5 years experience and has extensive knowledge in remittance business. The candidate must be knowledgeable in Anti Money Laundering Regulations, business planning & sales. Excellent communication skills, customer service and strong inter personal skills is a must. Must be knowledgeable in remittance software application including MS Word and Excel. Ability to speak Filipino as a 2nd language is an advantage.

Police clearance and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment. Compensation will be commensurate with qualifications. For applications to be considered, they should be sent to rfesaipan@hotmail.com no later than November 04, 2011.

Job Vacancy Announcement

Auditor and Senior Auditor

Open: October 24, 2011 • Closed: November 07, 2011
FLSA Status: Exempt

The CNMI Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) is looking for experienced auditors to fill-in the following positions: Auditor and Senior Auditor. Detailed information about the requirement for the positions and employment application may be obtained at the OPA website: http://www.opacnmi.com .

Interested applicants must submit all the required information by mail, email, or hand delivery at the office/email addresses listed below. Submission must be marked confidential and must have the applicant's name and returned address.

Office of the Public Auditor
1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill • P.O. Box 501399, Saipan MP 96950
Email: jobs@opacnmi.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Farmer (3). Salary: $300 to $400 per month with housing, utilities, food allowance, ground transportation, and workers' compensation insurance provided. Five (5) years experience in fruit, vegetable, and livestock farming required. Must be able to operate farm equipment & machinery.

House Worker – Live-in (2). Salary: CNMI minimum wage. Five (5) years experience in childcare, cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing cloths, and performing other related house worker duties and responsibilities is required.

All applicants must be of good health, good moral character, and must agree to a drug test. High school graduate. Must be able to read, speak and write basic English.

Interested applicants must submit their Bio-Data, Resume, Police Clearance, and other supporting documents to the Saipan Farm & Garden via email at ccsspn@yahoo.com or via fax at 670-233-7342 or send to P.O. Box 503771, Saipan, MP 96950. Closing Date: November 1, 2011

House Worker – Live-in (1). Salary: CNMI minimum wage. Five (5) years experience in cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing cloths, and performing other house worker duties and responsibilities is required.

All applicants must be of good health, good moral character, and must agree to a drug test. High school graduate. Must be able to read, speak and write basic English.

Interested applicants must submit their Bio-Data, Resume, Police Clearance, and other supporting documents to Cornerstone Consulting Services, via email at cornerstone_development@yahoo.com or via fax at 670-233-7342 or send to P.O. Box 503771, Saipan, MP 96950. Closing Date: November 1, 2011

WHITE HOUSE ENTERPRISES is looking for:

(1) General Manager (Guest Relations)
Qualifications: Requires at least a high school graduate, associate's degree preferred. A minimum of five years of work-related skill, knowledge or experience. Willing to work late hours. Must speak Korean and Japanese languages.
Duties: Plan, direct or coordinate the operation of the company. Formulate policies, manage daily operations, purchasing, hiring. Implement strategies and setting overall direction of the company. Oversee and directs the company's financial goals, objectives and budgets. May prepare organizational budget and monthly financial reports. Interact with guests and assists customers. Perform other related duties.

(1) Salesperson
Qualifications: High school graduate. A minimum of five years of work-related skill, knowledge or experience.
Duties: Assists customers in finding what they are looking for. Try to increase sales by describing a product's features, demonstrating its uses and promoting its value. Conduct financial transactions with customers, receive payments and operate cash registers. Help stock shelves or racks, arrange for delivery of purchases, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Perform other related duties that may be assigned.

(1) Bookkeeping/Accounting Clerk
Qualifications: Requires at least an associate's degree in accounting, bachelor's degree in accounting preferred. A minimum of five years of work-related skill, knowledge or experience in a law firm. Must be literate in computer and computer applications and proficient in the use of software such as Peach Tree, Excel, Word, and Quickbooks. Requires ability to work under pressure.
Duties: Maintains accounting records including expenditures, receipts, accounts payable and receivable, and profit and loss. Prepares bank deposits, handle payroll, make purchases, prepare invoices and keep track of overdue accounts. Posts details of transactions, total accounts and computes interest charges. Ensures completeness and accuracy of data on accounts. Reconciles bank statements. Cashiering, invoicing. Prepares financial statements, reports and summaries. Computes taxes owed and prepared tax returns. Performs other related duties as may be assigned.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Applications may be submitted to White House Enterprises at Dandan, Saipan, Tel. No. 235-1616. All applications must be accompanied by a current resume.

Job Announcement for Qualified U.S. Citizens

Position: 1 tour Coordinator
Salary: $5.05/hr
Duties and Qualification Requirement:
Coordinate all incoming schedules, assist in customer tour participation, explain in Japanese for all forms needed to be read and signed. Contacting other tour company for scheduling and reservations and other related duties as assigned to. Fully able to read, write and speak fluent Japanese. Must have at least 2 years experience in tour related activities.

Position: 2 Marine Sports Coordinator
Salary: $5.05/hr
Duties and Qualification Requirement:
Assist in coordinating all incoming schedules, assist in tour and marine sports participation. Explain in Japanese for all forms regarding sales promotion and schedules of the company's daily activity and perform other related duties as assigned. Fully able to speak fluent Japanese. Must have at least 5 years experience in marine sports sales related activities.

Position: 3 Life Guard
Salary: $5.05/hr; Flexible Time Schedule
Duties and Qualification Requirement:
Must monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents, check for hazardous objects that may cause harm or damage. Caution swimmers regarding unsafe areas. Rescue swimmers in danger or drowning. Must be able to administer CPR and First Aid and perform other related duties as assigned. Must be High school graduate with at least 2 years experience as a life guard. Must possess unexpired Life Guard, CPR and First Aid certificates (American Red Cross).

Position: 1 Manager, Marine Service
Salary: $5.05/hr
Duties and Qualification Requirement:
Direct activities of boat services, according to knowledge of maintenance need of small craft and marine safety requirements. Confers with owner or crew of vessel to obtain maintenance history and details concerning condition of craft. Observes and listen to vessel in operation to detect unsafe or malfunctioning equipment and leaks or other flaws in hull and superstructure. Must be able to repair/overhaul boat engine (gasoline or diesel0 and other related duties as assigned. Employer Preference: College graduate with at least 5 years experience and must be able to perform the job duties.

Position: 1 Operations Manager
Salary: $5.05/hr
Duties and Qualification Requirement:
Plan, direct or coordinate the operations of company, manage daily operations. Oversee activities directly related to making products or providing services. Manage staff, preparing work schedules and assigning specific duties. Coordinating with other department heads as required and other related duties as assigned to. College graduate with at least 5 years experience, preferably in managing water sports activities.

Position: 1 Houseworker
Salary: $5.05/hr
Duties and Qualification Requirement:
Perform household tasks. Minimum 5 years work experience. High school graduate or equivalent. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak/understand foreign language is a plus.

Interested applicants may submit their RESUME to the Marine Sports Center counter located at the beach side of Hafadai Beach Hotel not later than November 09, 2011.

Tropical Leisure Sports, Inc.
P.O. Box 500157 CK Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel. (670) 233-8574, Fax. (670) 233-0850
Email: tlssaipan@gmail.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

Christian Education Director
Must know how to speak and teach Korean
Minimum of 3 years experience

Email resume to saipan@hanmail.net
Tel: 235-7777 or 288-7777
P.O. BOX 503071 SAIPAN, MP 96950

IMMANUEL MISSION METHODIST CHURCH

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-COMMERCIAL CLEANER - $ 5.05/hr, 5 yrs. Experience Cleaning residential. Trustworthiness and reliability important.

If interested send resume and copy of police clearance to
THERESITA P. MAFNAS
P.O. Box 501525, Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel#. 286-4004

Milne's Realty Management is looking for:

Cleaner: $5.05/hour
At least high school graduate & 5 yrs. experience required, can work without supervision, honest and trustworthy.

Farmer: $ 5.05/hour
Minimum 5 yrs experience required. Must be able to perform the duty of farmer in accordance with the instructions of the employer.

E-mail resume to maryann_milne@yahoo.com.
No phone calls please.

Job Vacancy Announcement

Operations Manager

Interested qualified US workers may fax, email, or submit in person, a resume and police clearance.

Any applicant selected for these positions are required to take and pass a drug test screening prior to employment at applicant's cost.

Application deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

PACIFIC DAIKEN CO., LTD. • PO Box 501042, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: 234-7453 / Fax: 234-7996 • bern.ito@pacificdaiken.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-Office /Operations Manager
Experience in Low Income
Home Tax Credit
Certification required.
Flexible work hours required.

Send resume to integrity@pticom.com

Job Vacancy Announcement
Additional Workers Needed

(2) Mason: 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE - $5.05/HR
(2) Carpenters: 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE - $5.05/HR
(2) Waitress: 3 YEARS EXPERIENCE - $5.05/HR

Interested applicants must contact and submit resume to RPCF, INC P.O. Box 504549 Saipan, 96950
Tel#: 234-9127 • e-mail-brian@pticom.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

ASIA 360 INC.

(1) Accountant: At least 5 years work experience in wholesale business. Must have a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Proficient knowledge in Microsoft Office, Peachtree Accounting and Quick Books accounting software. Salary: $10.00 - $11.50/hr

(1) Administrative Assistant: 2 years experience in wholesale business. Proficient knowledge in Microsoft Office,

Interested Qualified US Workers may send resume to rbval11@yahoo.com

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Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - General Accountant. Salary: $5.25/hr. 5 years experience. Prepares, examine or analyze acctg. Records, financial statements, or other financial reports to assess the accuracy, completeness and conformance to reporting and procedural standards. Responsible for the proper maintenance and accuracy of the company's accounting system and files. Compute taxes owed, and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payments, reporting or other tax requirements. Report to management regarding the finances of management. Cashiering & other related duties.

Interested applicants may pick up an application at All Parts, Inc. dba Car Quest. No phone calls please.

Job Vacancy Announcement
PACIFIC CHANGHONG CORPORATION

(1) Office Manager, (1) Sales Manager & (2) Aircon Technician

2-3 years knowledge in HVAC & Refrigeration required. Salary based on experience / qualifications.

Interested applicants may submit application to linyongspn@hotmail.com

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SAIPAN AUTO CLINIC COMPANY
Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Manager
1 - Radiator Repairer

Minimum wage. Must have at least 2 years work experience in Auto Repair Business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can fax resume to 235-7742

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(1) Fisherman (Bottom/Trolling/Diving). With 6 mos. Experience • (1) Driver. Must be able to carry heavy coolers of fish. Must be able to work with a flexible schedule. Minimum salary. Send your resume to SMJ Corporation. P.O. Box 503944 Saipan MP 96950.

SUNNY PLACE, LLC
Vacancy Announcement

1 - Sales Representative. Salary $5.05 - $10.00p/h. 2 years working experience. High School Graduate. Proficient in English & Japanese (reading, writing, speaking).

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

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Grace Christian Academy
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Kinder Teacher &
(1) Elementary Teacher

Qualifications: Holder of Bachelor's degree in education; At least 5 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school; Must be ACSI certified; Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school Must adhere to all school policies and procedure Preferably ACSI certified

Download application form at www.gca-nmi.com Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, Mp 96950 GCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International.

Job Vacancy Announcement

10 – Commercial Cleaners
3 – Houseworker

Minimum wage. Must have at least 2 years work experience.

Please submit resume with attached copies of drivers license, police clearance and health certificate ISLAND CLEANERS ENT, INC. P.O. Box 500941, Saipan MP 96950

Job Vacancy Announcement

JAPAN ENTERPRISES CORP. DBA CLUB MICRONESIA

15 DANCERS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years in Dancing experience especially Cultural and Variety Dance Skills.
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

10 WAITRESS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

Please mail your resume to
P.O. Box 502589 Saipan, MP 96950 or
Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545
between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Accountant-$5.75/hr
Knowledge in Peach Tree Accounting. 5 yrs of experience required

Building Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
10 yrs experience

Rod/Reel Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience

Gun/Rifle Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience

Administrative Assistant-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with experience in bookkeeping

Applicants must be able to work flexible hours and must have a valid CNMI driver's license

Please email resume to fishing@saipan.com no later than October 27, 2011

MAN'S SERVICES, LLC
Job Vacancy Announcement

4 - Garbage Collector
1 - Heavy Equipment Mechanic

Minimum wage. 2-3 years experience required.

Please submit resume with attached copies of driver's license, police and health clearance to Man's Services, LLC P.O. Box 503393 Saipan, MP 96950

Pacific Data System (PDS)

would like to announce a position for

Telecommunications Manager
for their Saipan office.

The applicant must have prior experience with the installation and upkeep of 2 and 4 wire UNEs, T1s, PRIs, XDSL, etc. Must also possess knowledge of PBX systems whether VoIP or Traditional. Certifications such as A+, Network+, Security+, and CCNA recommended but not required.

Submit resumes to
jobs@pdscnmi.com

PKCL ENTERPRISES DBA APARTMENT RENTAL
P.O. Box 501957, Saipan, MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Building Maintenance Repairer (1): High School Graduate or equivalent, 5 years work experience in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting, masonry and various other construction and repair work.

Commercial Cleaner (1): High School Graduate or equivalent, 5 years work experience in cleaning apartment building, dust & mop, polish floor & furniture. Must be honest & trustworthy, work flexible hours.

Farmer (1): 5 years work experience in ground maintenance & landscaping, brush cutting, & general cleaning. Hardworking & trustworthy, work flexible hours.

Send resume to PKCL ENTERPRISES,
P.O. BOX 501957, Saipan MP 96950

Job Vacancy Announcement

- **Maintenance Electrician**
- **Maintenance Building Repairer**

Interested qualified US workers may fax, email, or submit in person, a resume and police clearance.
Any applicant selected for these positions are required to take and pass a drug test screening prior to employment at applicant's cost.

Application deadline for the two positions is Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

PACIFIC DAIKEN CO., LTD.
PO Box 501042, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: 234-7453 / Fax: 234-7996
bern.ito@pacificdaiken.com

QUAD L's COMPANY
Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) Bldg Maintenance Repairer
2-3 years experience required.
Minimum Wage

Qualified US Workers can submit resume with Certificate of employment and police clearance to 2nd floor of Quad L's Bldg. (where Bank of Saipan, Garapan Branch is located) or you may send it to quadlscompany@pticom.com

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MISA ENTERPRISES
P.O. Box 500089 Saipan 96950
Tel# 234-6900

ASSISTANT MANAGER (1) :
REQ: Be able to assist the General manager in the supervision of the business establishment such as: Management of financial books, rental client agreement, building maintenance such as answering tenants complain & resolve problems. Confer with manager to review financial statements, activity reports and other performance data to determine areas needing cost reduction and improvement. Allocate funds, authorize expenditures necessary for building maintenance. Delegate authority and assign responsibilities to designate personnel for building maintenance, be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial and operational status other related duties as Assistant Manager.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE (2):
REQ: Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

Applicants of position listed above are required to have a minimum of 3-5 years of experience. Applications can be picked-up at Kinpachi Restaurant, MISA Building 4, Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. No phone calls please.

TOP DEVELOPMENT, INC.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Accountant – At least 7-10 years work experience in general accounting. Must have Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Proficient knowledge in Microsoft Office, Peachtree and QuickBooks accounting software.

Salary: $9.62-$11.50 per hour.

Interested Qualified US Workers may submit resume to tdi@pticom.com

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Carrier Guam, Inc. is looking for

PROJECT ENGINEER

Job Description:

1. Team leader for Carrier Saipan branch operations.
2. Responsible in making decisiond regarding normal or routine transactions under the guidance and approval of the Manager in accordance with Carrier Corporation policies and procedures.
3. Reports to the Branch Manager on carrier Saipan operations.
4 Directs support to off-shore dealer's accounts; attends to HVAC system inquiries; sales or technical issues, accessories and parts from customers Offshore (Japan, and Diego Garcia; prepares estimates and quotations).
5. Attends to HVAC inquiries in the CNMI including FAS Marshalls Islands, Palau.
6. Does other related jobs as required by the Manager.

Qualifications:

1. Bachelor's Degree preferably in Mechanical Engineering.
2. Knowledge and background of HVAC Systems.
3. Minimum of 3-5 years experience in installation, supervision and design of HVAC Systtems and Equipment.
4. Knowledgeable in Computer HVAC Builder Programs.
5. Knowledge or background in SAP applications.

ACCOUNTANT

Job Description:

Finance & Accounting, Controls & Compliance:

1. Responsible for the daily accounting, reporting, finance and tax and regulatory compliance of the branch.
2. Provides financial information and reports of the branch as required by management.
3. Maintains company's ledgers; reconcile various GL account analysis and ensure accurate recording of transactions.
4. Does audit function of petty cash fund; verifies the accuracy of the charges and reports to Guam office.
5. Performs annual physical inventory count of the branch.
6. Prepares payment vouchers for branch and other related disbursement activities.
7. Maintain records of fixed assets including any acquisition, deletions.
8. Prepare journal vouchers for as required and other adjustments as may deem necessary.
9. Ensures compliance of accounting controls and procedures in compliance with UTC/ Carrier Finance policies and procedures.
10. Ensures compliance of CNMI rules and regulations including business tax returns, license, occupancy and zoning and other related regulatory requirements.
11. Performs other accounting functions as may deem necessary.

Credit /Collections:

1. Performs as credit controller of the branch.
2. Follow up customer payments; reviews aging report and coordinate with customers in the expeditious settlement of their account.
3. Send statement of accounts and resolve any outstanding amount of customers.
4. Prepares receiving vouchers for all customer payments received for the period; forward documents to Guam for booking.
5. Perform annual credit review of all Saipan customers.

Sales Support:

1. Prepares weekly and monthly sales report for Forecast Package.
2. Monitor daily sales report; verifies the postings of correct codes; ensure prompt reporting of any adjustments.
3. Verifies all cash sales from store and service departments.
4. Process goods received notes for all incoming shipments; indent and regular stocks including the related costs.
5. Process credit notes for any adjustments, price discrepancy returns and other related transactions as required.
6. Prepares sales ledger adjustments to reconcile with the sales ledger account.

Administrative Support:

1. Responsible in reporting any IT issues and concerns at branch.
2. Promotes and strengthens ACE program of the branch.
3. Ensures compliance of EH & S issues in accordance with UTC Safely Rules and Policies.
4. Performs as Human Resource Coordinator and administrative officer of the branch.

Qualfications:

1. Four (4) year Bachelor Degree in Accounting /college diploma or its equivalent.
2. At least 3-5 years experience in HVAC industry.
3. Knowledge in accounting, auditing and regulatory compliance.
4. Excellent interpersonal skills, communication skills and interaction with internal and external customers.
5. Ability to manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines in accounting closing period.
6. Knowledge of Opera II software and other related accounting software.
7. Must have experience in letter of credit.

PROJECT COORDINATOR

Job Description:

1. Prepares quotations on equipment & parts.
2. Coordinates work schedules for service and projects jobs.
3. Prepares electronic time ticket of technician.
4. Prepares invoices for jobs < $500.00.
5. Prepares jobcosting analysis for job<$500.00
6. Prepares Purchase Orders.
7. Maintains PO Log Tracking and forwards to Guam Office.
8. Reconciles vendor accounts.
9. Receives and accepts service calls.
10. Prepares Pro-forma Invoice for project and secures payment.
11. Prepares Sales Order for RLC, Project and when ordering parts for store.
13. Coordinates with Guam(Store) regarding request for transshipment of parts and equipment.
14. Corrdinates with off-island customers on payment, order status and other after-sales services.
15. Prepares monthly Backlog reports.
16. Provides support in tracking orders and provide status to team members.
17. Updates status of customers orders and job status.
18. In-charge of airline booking, hotel and accomodation booking for personnel on official trips
19. Input time in/ time out on electronic file and submit to Guam for approvals.
20. Collates all necessary shipping documents of shipments then submit to Accounting for GRN
21. Issues OR and prepares STR.
22. Issues Store Requisition when store personnel is not available.
23. Assists store as needed.
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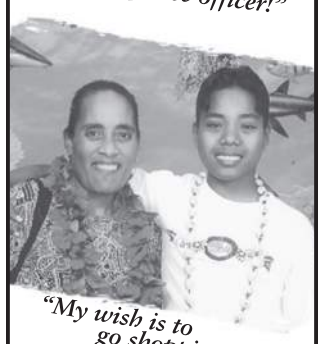

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Freese wins World Series MVP after magical October

ST. LOUIS (AP)—David Freese gave credit to Albert Pujols for setting him on the right path. He praised manager Tony La Russa for believing in him. He thanked Mark McGwire for the swing tips that paid dividends few could have imagined.

Just maybe, Freese should give a little credit to himself.

The hometown kid who once quit baseball finished off an October to remember with the MVP of the World Series on Friday night. The St. Louis Cardinals wrapped up their 11th championship in dramatic fashion, a 6-2 victory over the Texas Rangers in the first Game 7 since 2002.

Freese batted .348 for the series, with seven RBIs, three doubles and one big homer. He's the fourth Cardinals player to win the MVP award, joining Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Gibson in 1964 and '67, catcher Darrell Porter in 1982 and David Eckstein in their 2006 victory over Detroit.

Freese drove in 21 runs in the postseason, shattering the previous record.

"I've had plenty of days of my life where I thought I wouldn't be even close to being a big leaguer," Freese said. "I'm here because of everybody around me. They've put so much trust in me to accomplish not only baseball but just stuff in life, and to do this is—I'm just full of joy, finally."

Freese was burned out on baseball after a standout career in suburban St. Louis, so he decided to spurn a scholarship offer from Missouri to simply be a college student. He even rebuffed the Tigers' coaches when they called midway through his first semester to see whether he'd changed his mind.

It wasn't until about a year out of high school that the itch to play finally returned.

Freese gave in and enrolled at St. Louis Community College-Meremec, and his play there caught the attention of the coaching staff at South Alabama. Freese blossomed into the Padres' ninth-round draft pick in 2006, and a trade to the Cardinals eventually brought him home.

"If you wrote a story like that—a guy gets traded, comes back to his hometown, he's a hero—if you sent that in the script, it would get thrown back in your face," Commissioner Bud Selig said.

This wasn't a perfect fairy tale, though. That would be too easy.

After he arrived in St. Louis, Freese was arrested for DUI and found to have a blood-alcohol level of 0.232—nearly three times the legal limit. He needed season-ending surgery to repair a torn tendon in his right ankle last year, and he broke his left hand when he was hit by a pitch this season. He was hit by another pitch in August and sustained a concussion.

Each time, he came back better than before.

"I'm so proud of him," McGwire said. "I kept telling him it shows character when you start breaking through those walls, those stumbling blocks. There's always something good at the end of the road, and here it is."

Freese hit a three-run homer in Game 6 of the NLCS against Milwaukee, earning the MVP of that series. His performance against the Rangers made him the sixth player to be the MVP of a league championship series and the World Series in a single season.

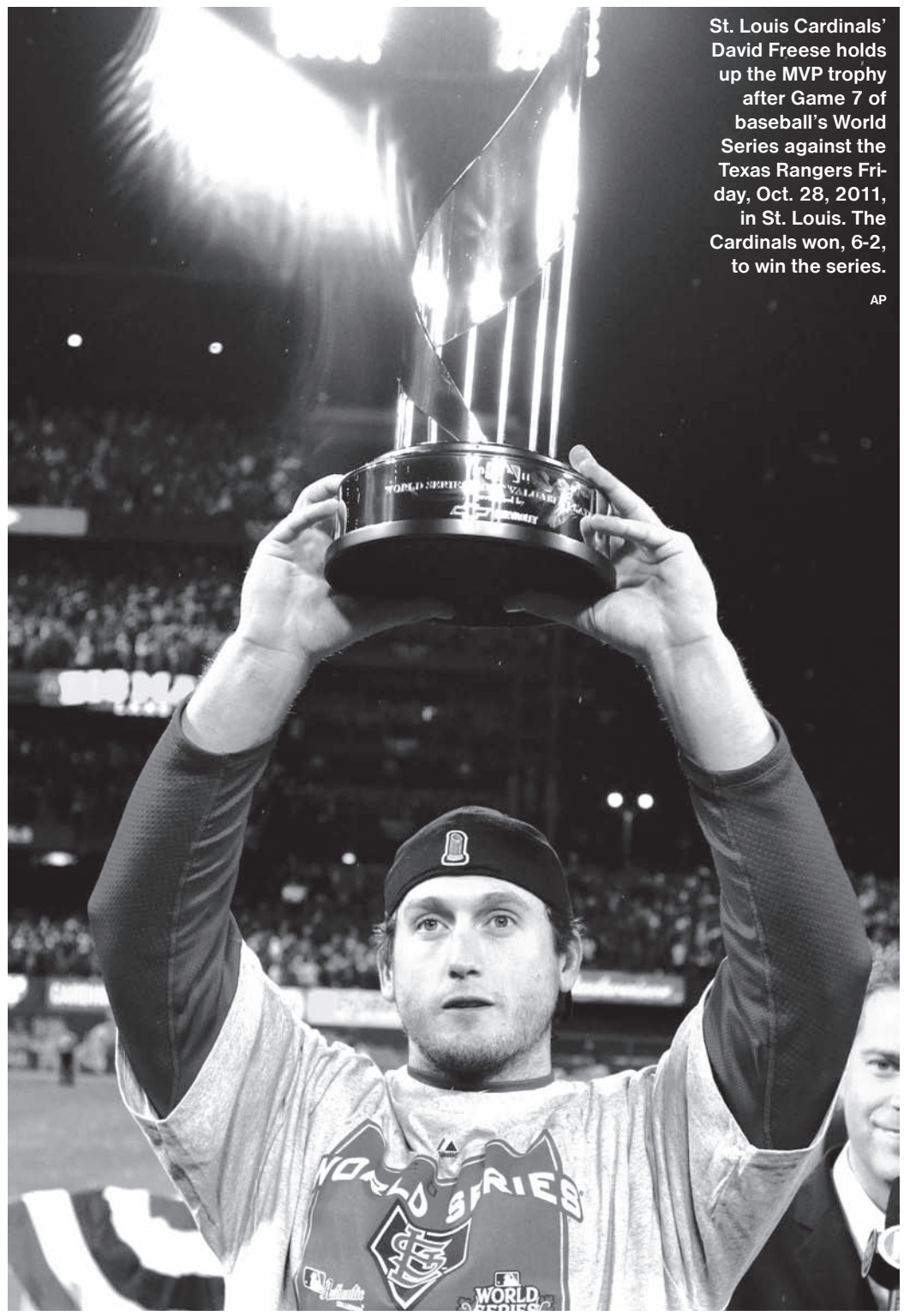
Down to the Cardinals' final strike in Game 6, Freese delivered a tying two-run triple in the ninth inning Thursday night. Freese then did one better: a leadoff homer in the 11th that gave St. Louis a dramatic victory and forced the first Game 7 since 2002.

"You're Game 6 performance, David, will turn out to be one for the ages," Selig said in announcing the MVP award. "I'm sure this is a dream come true for a St. Louis native."

Often overlooked in a lineup that features Pujols, Matt Holliday and Lance Berkman, Freese left his own impression on baseball's grandest stage out of necessity.

Holliday struggled most of the series before spraining his right wrist during Game 6, taking him off the roster Friday. Pujols was intentionally walked whenever he was a threat.

Freese made the Rangers pay for thinking he was an easy out.



St. Louis Cardinals' David Freese holds up the MVP trophy after Game 7 of baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, in St. Louis. The Cardinals won, 6-2, to win the series.

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"I said earlier, I don't have a word yet to describe David Freese," Pujols said. "Humble guy, I liked him right away, as soon as we got him. To be able to go through the things he's done in his career, just shows who David Freese is."

In the World Series opener, with the game tied in the sixth inning, Freese delivered a timely double. He alertly moved to third base on a wild pitch, allowing him to score easily for the eventual winning run on Allen Craig's single to right field.

Freese scored the Cardinals' only run in a 2-1 loss in Game 2, and then drove in a pair of runs in a 16-7 victory in Game 3—a performance that will be forever overshadowed by Pujols' three homers.

Nobody could overshadow Freese in Game 6.

After committing a critical error when an easy popup bounced out of his glove, Freese more than made up for it with his bat. Down to his final strike, his two-run triple in the ninth forced extra innings, and he joined Bill Mazeroski, Carlton Fisk, Kirby Puckett and Joe Carter as the only players to hit a game-ending homer in Game 6 or later of a Fall Classic.

That's pretty select company.

Much like the company he'll enjoy as MVP of the World Series.

"I've had plenty of days in my life where I'd thought, you know, I wouldn't even be close to being a big leaguer," Freese said. "I'm here because of everyone around me. They put so much trust in me to accomplish, not just baseball, but stuff in life. To do this, I'm just full of joy."

Pujols decision can wait for Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Albert Pujols tried to give away nothing during the celebration, tried to stay in the moment. But what a moment it was.

Getting another taste of that championship feeling surely will tip the scales in favor of the St. Louis Cardinals at least a little bit when it comes time to talk contract.

"Obviously, right now a lot of things go through my head and thinking about the whole season," Pujols said at the podium after the Cardinals won their 11th World Series.

"Probably like two or three weeks from now, that's when I'm really going to be sitting down and saying, 'Wow, where we were, and now we're the 2011 World Champions.' It's unbelievable."

What remained of Friday after the Cardinals finished off the Texas Rangers in Game 7 was for savoring one of the most unlikely comebacks in major league history. Hundreds of fans peacefully roamed the downtown streets well into the night.

"Truly a dream come true," manager Tony La Russa said. "It's hard to really imagine it actually happened."

On Sunday, the team will bask in adulation once again with a victory parade scheduled for late afternoon. In 2006, the team estimated between 300,000 and a half-milllion people lined the streets.

Five players remain from 2006, when the Cardinals backed into the postseason as an 83-win team and then got hot when key players got healthy. Pujols, Yadier Molina, Skip Schumaker and Chris Carpenter and Adam Wainwright remain from that team, which also was lightly regarded.

Can't top 2011.

"This team is unbelievable," Carpenter said after beating the Rangers for the second time. "Most amazing team I've ever been a part of."

General manager John Mozeliak takes special satisfaction in the championship. The moves he made at the trade deadline for shortstop Rafael Furcal, starter Edwin Jackson and three relievers finally paid off in September, and well beyond.

"All you can do is live and die with your club," Mozeliak said. "To sit here now and be on top, it's just a wonderful experience."

Mozeliak can't celebrate for long, though.

"I would say I have about a 72-hour window to enjoy this," Mozeliak said. "And then right back it Monday."

A weighty decision looms: Can the Cardinals persuade Pujols to stay? Would extra millions he might make elsewhere compensate for shedding the role of local icon?

He seemed pretty proud about his place in St. Louis after Game 7.

"It doesn't matter the numbers, it doesn't matter the records, it doesn't matter the money that you make," Pujols said. "What matters is to raise that trophy and to be able to bring that smile to the city of St. Louis.

"And not just the city of St. Louis, but all our fans around the world."

Mozeliak has more than just Pujols on his plate. But after the postseason, the roster just seemed so much deeper.

October brought out new stars in third baseman David Freese, the MVP of both the NLCS and World Series, and Allen Craig, whose big bat helped the team overcome injuries to cleanup hitter Matt Holliday.

Freese was the Cardinals' most dangerous hitter throughout the playoffs.

"The nation started to see what type of talent he is," Mozeliak said. "We always knew what we had, it was just a matter of keeping healthy and on the field.

"When he's healthy, you can see he is an elite player."

Craig's homer was the go-ahead hit in Game 7, and then he robbed Nelson Cruz of a homer with a catch high above the left field wall.

"His expectations of himself are to be an everyday major league player, and a good one," Mozeliak said. "Our job is going to find him at-bats."

Pitching stalwarts emerged, too. Hard-throwing Jason Motte nailed down the closer role that was up for grabs most of the year. Relievers Marc Rzepczynski and Lance Lynn stepped up alongside veterans Octavio Dotel and Arthur Rhodes, who both played in their first World Series.

All five starters are under contract for next season.

If Pujols decides to leave, there is a Plan B. Berkman, the NL comeback player of the year, could move to first and Craig could be the regular right fielder.

And the Cardinals would have plenty left to spend on other upgrades. They've expressed interest in retaining Furcal, but at much less than his $12 million option.

Jackson is a free agent, too, and a player the Cardinals had figured they were just renting. That championship feeling had him thinking St. Louis was the place to be.

"Man, if we could be like this every year, why not?" Jackson said. "I'm sure the city is going crazy right now and without them we couldn't have gotten it done."

The victory parade will be led by a team of Budweiser Clydesdales and include marching bands from four area high schools, with players riding atop trucks. A ceremony will follow at Busch Stadium.

NBA talks need economic move to end the lockout

NEW YORK (AP)—Anyone who has been to a car dealership, or bought a home, understands how negotiating works.

One side offers a number, the other counters, and they meet somewhere in the middle and make a deal.

That's not the way it's working in the NBA's labor standoff—even with potentially $2 billion at stake for each side.

Owners and players keep insisting they are ready and willing to make the necessary financial step for an agreement. Yet talks have broken down each of the last two weeks with little movement and the same type of answer: "We're here, they're there, and that's that."

Derek Fisher fears the entire NBA season will be lost.

That won't get players back on the court or fans in the seats.

And with both sides so entrenched, it might be a question of when, not if, another round of cancellations will be necessary.

"I don't know," Commissioner David Stern said Friday when asked about the next deadline. "We just had a difficult day. We'll go back, we'll go to the office Monday and see what to do about this big mess."

They could start with a phone call to the players' association to schedule more talks, and the sides likely will meet again soon. But it will remain pointless if neither side is prepared to offer compromise.

Owners are insistent on a 50-50 split of basketball-related income. Players have proposed reducing their guarantee from 57 percent down to 52.5, saying that will transfer more than $1.5 billion to owners over six years.

And when neither side would go further Friday, NBA officials said union executive director Billy Hunter ended the session.

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In this file photo taken Oct. 4, 2011, NBA Commissioner David Stern listens during a news conference following NBA labor talks meeting between basketball players and owners in New York. Stern canceled all November games on Friday, Oct. 28, the 120th day of the lockout.

"Billy said, `My phone is ringing off the hook from agents and players telling me I cannot go under 52 percent' and he said unless you're willing to go there, we have nothing to talk about," Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said.

The difference between 50 and 52.5 percent is about $100 million annually, based on last season's revenues, or $1 billion over the course of the 10-year agreement the NBA is seeking.

The cost of not making a deal?

"We expect there to be a $2 billion loss for us for the loss of the season, which we will then begin to dig out from under and try to get back, if there were a season's loss," Stern said. "And the players would lose $2 billion. Period."

The losses already have been piling up. Stern said wiping out the preseason schedule, which would have ended Friday, cost the league $200 million. The first month of real games adds another couple hundred million, and Hunter has said missing a month would cost the players about $350 million.

But that's not enough to make players agree to a deal they say would cost them money and limit their options in free agency.

"We think we gave more than enough, and that's what we constantly said to them: `Look, we did what it was you said you needed, we did it,'" Hunter said. "And now all of a sudden, every time we did it, it's like their eyes got bigger and they wanted more and more and more. So finally we just had to shut it down and just say it can't be."

Stern has made it clear that owners' future proposals could be made with the losses in mind. Players eventually will get their money, just less of it, but the damage to businesses that rely on the game won't be recovered.

"I think it is hard for the average person to understand what it is they're arguing over," said Jim Taggart, the manager of The Four's, an upscale sports bar across the street from Boston's TD Garden. "A lot of the people that work concessions at the Garden come in here, and their pay is budgeted into how they pay their mortgages, how they put their kids through school.

"Events at the Garden are just absolute big business. There's a whole ancillary economy that depends on the Garden, and it's pretty far reaching, all the restaurants and parking garages."

The sides are much closer after three straight days of meetings in consecutive weeks. Besides the BRI split, the list of remaining items is down to just a handful, such as the ability of teams over the luxury tax threshold to use the midlevel exception or participate in sign-and-trade deals.

Those are important to players. The top-spending teams are mostly the ones in the biggest markets, and players want to know teams in the most desired cities won't be prevented from bidding on them.

"What we did not want to do and what we don't want to do is take taxpaying teams completely out of the market for other teams' free agents," union president Derek Fisher(notes) of the Lakers said. "We want our midlevel players to be able to sign contracts or at least have the opportunity to sign a contract wherever they would like to play."

There had been a sense of optimism going into Friday after both sides acknowledged progress on the salary cap system over the previous two days. But they hadn't talked about the split, and sure enough, once they did things fell apart again.

Wasted was the meeting room the NBA had reserved through the weekend at a top New York hotel, where it hoped to be announcing a deal by Sunday. The next talks haven't been scheduled, but the sides reconnected quickly after the last breakdown.

"Each time I come here, we've come in thinking we may be here for weeks and we're not going to leave the room," Fisher said. "But sometimes they end and you assume you won't talk again for weeks and you're back the next day."

Bills QB Fitzpatrick agrees to new $59M, 6-year deal

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)—Ryan Fitzpatrick doesn't intend to shed his scraggly beard or lose his large collection of T-shirts after signing a 6-year, $59 million contract on Friday that secures him as the Buffalo Bills franchise quarterback.

Given how much he'll be making and his new high-profile status, Fitzpatrick might have a hard time sticking with the "No-Name" label though.

The one-time journeyman, 2005 seventh-round draft pick and Harvard graduate has formally arrived as a bona fide NFL starter after being rewarded with what could potentially become the most lucrative contract in team history. It's a bold move by a team that's spent much of the past 15 years searching for someone to fill the quarterback role, and a reward for a player who as a first-time starter this season has led a revived offense that has Buffalo off to a surprising 4-2 start.

"It's been a long road. There's been a lot of hurdles and obstacles that I've had to overcome," Fitzpatrick said. "I think we've got this thing headed in the right direction. So to be a part of that, and to be able to continue to be a part of that for years to come, I'm really excited about it."

Fitzpatrick becomes the first starting quarterback since Doug Flutie in 1999 to earn a contract extension with Buffalo. And Fitzpatrick's deal includes $24 million in guaranteed money, according to a person familiar with negotiations, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the team does not release contract terms.

That's a significant raise over the $3.22 million base salary he was making this season. Fitzpatrick was in the final year of the three-year contract— worth $7.405 million in base salary—he signed upon joining the Bills as a free agent in 2009.

"I'm excited about Ryan getting this done. He'll be our quarterback for a long time," general manager Buddy Nix said, who said the key to any team's success depends on having a quarterback in place. "It really makes everything easier for us. It's easy to put good players around him if you've got that position that you feel good about. And we do."

Nix had initially hoped to conduct contract talks with Fitzpatrick this offseason, but was delayed as a result of the lockout.

The deal was reached shortly after practice ended on Friday, as the Bills come out of their bye week to "host" Washington (3-3) in Buffalo's annual game at Toronto.

Until Fitzpatrick's emergence, the quarterback position has been unsettled in Buffalo since Hall of Famer Jim Kelly retired following the 1996 season. The Bills, over that stretch, have gone through the likes of Rob Johnson, Drew Bledsoe, J.P. Losman, Kelly Holcomb and, most recently, Trent Edwards.

Of all those players, Fitzpatrick has the unlikeliest pedigree.

The Bills are his third team since Fitzpatrick was selected 250th overall in the 2005 draft by St. Louis. He later spent two seasons with Cincinnati, including 2008, when he finished the season going 4-6-1 in taking over for injured starter Carson Palmer.

Last season, Fitzpatrick provided the offense some semblance of spark despite the team's 4-12 finish. Going 4-9 as a starter, he finished with 3,000 yards passing—the first Bill with that many since Losman in 2006. And he threw 23 touchdowns, the most since Bledsoe had 24 in 2002.

With a 13-15 record in Buffalo, Fitzpatrick has been the quarterback for all but one victory over the past two-plus seasons.

With 1,477 yards passing and 12 touchdowns to go with just six interceptions this season, Fitzpatrick ranks in the top 10 in four statistical categories, including being tied for fifth in TDs. More important, he has a fuller command of coach Chan Gailey's offensive approach after replacing Trent Edwards as the starter in Week 3 of last season. Edwards was then cut a week later.

Numbers aside, Fitzpatrick has established himself as a team leader. During the lockout, he helped organize several player workouts, including one at his native Arizona, where he had his teammates stay at his house.

The work has paid off given how the passing attack has remained productive despite a group of no-name receivers after Buffalo lost two regulars to season-ending injuries and traded its most proven threat, Lee Evans, to Baltimore in August. The Bills currently rank 10th in the NFL in yards gained, and third with 188 points scored.

Word of Fitzpatrick's contract drew praise from his teammates, who posted notes on their respective Twitter accounts.

"Congrats to my Dawg FitzMagic on his deal. Good to have him locked back in Buff!!" wrote running back Fred Jackson.

Linebacker Danny Batten called the deal "well deserved," while receiver Stevie Johnson(notes) tweeted that Fitzpatrick—whose last name has been butchered in being referred to as "Fitzgerald" and even "Kilpatrick" on numerous occasions—might well be "finally famous."

The Bills had such confidence in Fitzpatrick's potential that he essentially awarded him the starting job at the end of last year. The Bills backed up that trust by not selecting a quarterback in the draft, while adding journeyman Tyler Thigpen in free agency in July with the sole intention of using him as a backup.

Don't expect him to change his easygoing demeanor, or suddenly start placing any additional pressure on himself.

"I've been a quarterback my whole life, and that's what it's been for me my whole life," Fitzpatrick said. "I welcome the challenge. It's something that I feel like, throughout my career, I've excelled when the odds were stacked against me, and I've excelled when the pressure has been on me. And I'm looking forward to doing it some more."

WEEKEND SPORTS

Saipan triathletes, ping-pong players excel

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Triathletes Mieko Carey and Butch Sublemente and ping pong players Jean Shi, Budhi Gurung, Steve Lim, Todd Montgomery, and David Yang made it to last week's headlines for their notable performances in separate competitions.

Carey and Sublemente completed the grueling 2011 XTERRA World Championship in Maui, Hawaii. Two former champions and several others did not finish the off-road triathlon race, while the two Saipan triathletes soldiered on with Carey timing in at 3:20:42 and Sublemente submitting 3:41:07.

In the 16th Marianas Goodwill Table Tennis Tournament held at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium, Saipan swept the three divisions, beating Tinian and Guam.

Shi won the singles championship against Tinian's Luke Lu and then teamed up with Gurung in beating Guam's Hiromitsu Hamamoto and John Matias in the doubles finals. Saipan also prevailed in the team event.

Other notable performances last week were Jack Kabiriel and Mamiko Oshima-Berger's wins in the 2011 Saipan Radar Run and Lawrence Camacho's victory in the RGA 2-man scramble event.

Kabiriel was the top male finisher in the 4.7-mile race, timing in at 37:32, while Oshima-Berger ruled the women's division with a new best time of 38:44.

Camacho went solo in the 2-man competition and still won against five pairs after shooting a net 56.

Other on going competitions on Saipan continued last week. In the Shirley's caging, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan booked back-to-back wins. In the NMIFA youth league, Shirley's FC handed Matansa its first loss in the girls U15 division, while MP United 1 remained unbeaten in five games in the boys U15. In the men's league, Wild Bill's and Inter Godfathers are both undefeated with their identical 2-0 slates. In the Rotary caging and SML youth baseball, playoff games were played last week.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Mieko Carey negotiates the off-road bike course in the 2011 XTERRA World Champion in Maui, Hawaii last week.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Saipan's David Yang returns to Tinian's Charlie Cheng during their singles game in the MATTA goodwill competition at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium last week.

PROA

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the court.

However at the start of the second half, Docomo's Emerson Feria stepped up with six points in the third quarter to move his team within four, 27-31, heading into the final period.

Docomo hung around to the end, but Proa held strong at crunch time after drawing five markers from Jomari Smithee in the fourth quarter and getting the last three points in the match from Deleon's charities

De Leon received the most valuable player trophy during the awards ceremony held after the game for coming through in the clutch,

Shane DeLeon Guerrero also of Proa was selected as the regular season MVP, while Docomo and Kunoichi received their respective runner-up and third place trophies.

Kunoichi routed the Micronesian Brokers Incorporated Rollers in the consolation game, 64-40,

Jaime Mendoza and Jeralyn Castillo teamed up for 13 points in the first period, giving Kunoichi a 19-13 lead.

In the second canto, it was Lalaine Pagarao's turn to lead Kunoichi, as she scored six points for a hefty 36-25 halftime advantage.

Kunoichi was hardly finished and stuffed MBI to one basket in the third quarter for a commanding 44-27 lead, with eight minutes to go.

The game was out of reach by the start of the fourth quarter, as Mendoza and Pagarao added six points apiece in the final canto.

Mendoza connected four triples to finish with a game-high 18 points, while Pagarao chipped in 17. MBI's John Cano managed 14 in the loss.

Finals

Proa 46 – Deleon Guerrero 8, Manalili 8, Mendoza 7, Palacios 5, De Leon 5, Smithee 5, Cepeda 2, Puno 2, Sanerez 2.

Docomo Rollers 40 – Feria 12, Camacho 8, Iglesias 7, Factor 4, Espinosa 2, Floresca 2, Lansang 2, Malonzo 2, Devero 1.

Scoring by quarters: 9-7, 22-15, 31-27, 46-40

Consolation Game

Kunoichi 64 – Mendoza 18, Pagarao 17, Castillo 8, Alegre 6, Mesa 6, Williams 4, Joseph 3, Mettao 2.

MBI Rollers 40 – Cano 14, Fidelino 4, Regis 7, Darag 4, Shaun 4, Adrien 3, Cadua 2, Venus 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-13, 36-25, 44-27, 64-40.

CARDINALS

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"Now that we've won it, it makes yesterday greater," La Russa said.

Said Hamilton: "It was actually fun to watch and fun to see. You hate it, but it happened."

An October for fans to cherish, for sure. A lot of them tuned in: The clincher drew the most viewers for a baseball game since Boston won in 2004, and boosted overall television ratings 19 percent higher than last year's World Series between Texas and San Francisco.

Even before the opener, many observers predicted this Series would be a dud because it lacked big-market teams. Minus the likes of the Yankees, Red Sox and Phillies, some said, it would attract little attention.

Inning by inning, it got more intriguing.

"I know there's been a lot of conversation about ratings," Commissioner Bud Selig said before Game 7. "Some of it, in my opinion … was misinformed."

No mistaking that it was quite a run for baseball.

Exactly a month before the Cardinals won their 11th championship, they captured a playoff spot on the final day of the regular season. The night of Sept. 28 was riveting—St. Louis capped a comeback from 10 1/2 games down to overtake Atlanta for the NL wild card, Tampa Bay completed its late surge to beat out Boston for the AL wild card.

The playoffs produced their moments, too. The one that brought winning and losing into a tight focus: Chris Carpenter and the Cardinals celebrating their 1-0 win over Roy Halladay(notes) in Philadelphia while star slugger Ryan Howard(notes) writhed on the ground, having torn his Achilles tendon during a game-ending groundout.

Soon after, the first Game 7 in the World Series since 2002.

"Somebody said on television, baseball has had a coming-out party since Labor Day. I don't think so. I think it's always there," Selig said. "It's produced for this country really a remarkable chain of events."

In a year punctuated by historic comebacks and epic collapses, it'd be easy to say the biggest rally of all belonged to baseball. That's what many like to say whenever the game shows up well.

Is it true, will that be so?

Selig insists the sport already is more popular than ever. Major league attendance slightly increased this season, ending three seasons of drops. The Chicago Cubs have renewed hope for next year after hiring Theo Epstein to oversee the club, a new ballpark is waiting in Florida for the team that will soon officially become the Miami Marlins.

Certainly a back-and-forth World Series boosted interest, helped by the two most magical words in sports: Game 7.

"There isn't anybody on this team, the other team, too, that when you're a young kid you don't think about winning the World Series, and it's always in Game 7," La Russa said.

Freese delivered the key hit, a two-run double that tied it in the first inning. The MVP of the NL championship series wound up adding the World Series MVP trophy.

He saved the Cardinals' season in Game 6, lining a two-strike, two-out, two-run triple in the ninth and then hitting a winning home run in the 11th.

An inning before Freese connected, Hamilton homered to put Texas ahead. Had the Rangers held on, mostly likely Mike Napoli would've been picked the Series MVP. So, so close.

Freese estimated he got about 45 minutes of sleep as Thursday night turned into Friday. A lot to think about for a player who quit baseball out of high school because it wasn't fun anymore. From done to donating his bat and jersey to the Hall of Fame.

"I'm trying to soak this all in," he said. "I've tried to soak in this whole postseason as much as I can because you never know if it's your last attempt at a title."

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Second-ranked Saipan International School improved to an 8-2 card after routing the MHS Awesome Fins in three sets, 25-20, 25-11,15-2.

The Awesome Fins did not leave empty handed and managed to rally over sister team KFC Fins in their second game. Awesome Fins won the first set, 25-15, but stumbled in the second set, 25-27. The KFC Fins were two points away from notching their first win of the season, but were stuck at 13, as the Awesome Fins pulled of a 15-13 victory in the end.

The Awesome Fins now hold a 3-7 record, while KFC Fins have endured nine consecutive losses since the season opener.

In other results, MHS QT's bested Saipan Southern High School in the first two sets, 25-16, 25-16, to clinch an automatic victory. MHS QT's came up short of sweeping the Rays after a 14-16 loss in the final set. MHS QT's now has a 5-4 card, while Southern fell to a 2-7 record.

Games in the boys volleyball league continue today at 4:30pm with Kagman going up against Southern on the north court and MHS QT's taking on GCA on the south end. Then at 5:30pm, Southern squares off with Awesome Fins on the north side, while SIS clashes with Kagman on the south court.

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while Wushin eked out a 90-89 triumph over Grillin' in the second match of the night.

Edwin Santos canned the winning basket for Wushin in the closing seconds of the game. Down by a hair, 88-89, with less than 20 seconds remaining on the clock, Jun Tabora took charged in Wushin's offensive set, but missed on his attempt. Fortunately for Wushin, Edwin Santos was at the paint, collared the offensive rebound, and made a putback to put Wushin on top, 90-89, with .08 of a second left in the game. With a limited time, Grillin' failed to make a decent shot and lost its third straight match.

Wushin improved to a 2-2 record for a share of fourth place with Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Tabora top-scored in Wushin's second win with his 34 points. He made 12 of them in the first period where Wushin recovered from a 4-15 deficit. Tabora added 10 more in the second period to match the output of Grillin's Leo Galarse and end halftime in a deadlock, 45-all.

In the third period, Tabora was held to a field goal, while Galarse and Sonny Lerio combined for 15 markers to give Grillin' a 66-60 lead. However, Tabora went on to redeem himself in the fourth, firing 10 markers and he got enough support from Santos, who also canned crucial free throws in the homestretch, going 3-for-3.

In the curtain raiser, Mobil improved to a 4-0 record and got the solo lead in the 10-team standings, while DFS fell to third place with its 3-2 slate. Mobil and defending champion Pacific Islands Club/NVM (3-0) are the only undefeated squads this season.

DFS failed to keep its perfect record intact after missing key players Dan Barcinas and Pete Iguel. Mobil capitalized on the absence of DFS gunners and drew another strong games from Jun Estolas and Marvin Rabauliman to extend its winning run to four.

Estolas sizzled for 22 points, making three early 3-pointers in the first period that ended with Mobil on top by eight, 32-24. Rabauliman and Gil Gapor added six in the opening quarter.

Without Iguel and Barcinas, DFS leaned heavily on Jack Lizama, who knocked in 11 markers in the second canto, but still failed to lift his team, as Mobil surged ahead at the break, 57-41. Mobil pulled away in the second period, as it had eight players making it to the scoreboard against DFS' only three.

Mobil protected its lead in the second half en route to a 17-point winning margin, while DFS clearly missed the contributions of Iguel and Barcinas, as its offensive options were limited to Lizama and Quincy Johnson.

Lizama finished with a game-high 29 points on the losing end, while Johnson chipped in 14. Only three players broke into double figures for DFS with Allan Echavez adding 10, drilling six of them in the fourth period when the game was already in the bag for Mobil.

Besides Estolas, four other Mobil players scored in double digits with Rabauliman firing 21, Larry Sharry and Gapor tallying 12 each, and Bart Demapan posting 10.

First Game

Mobil 95 – Estolas 22, Rabauliman 21, Shary 12, Gapor 12, Demapan 10, Jose 6, Bautista 4, Wenceslao 3, Gamboa 2, Tavares 2.

DFS Galleria 78 – Lizama 29, Johnson 14, Chavez 10, Guiab 9, Sablan 6, Centeno 4, Larrioza 4, Pedro 2.

Scoring by quarters: 32-24, 57-41, 81-59, 95-78.

Second Game

Wushin 90 – Tabora 34, Santos 22, Tibayan 13, Tobias 11, Villasan 7, Patawaran 3.

Grillin' 89 – Galarse 31, Pagarao 22, Lerio 16, Ritual 9, Herrera 5, Rotap 4, J. Loste 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-20, 45-45, 60-66, 90-89.

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Proa sails way to Rotary U15 title

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Proa clinched the championship in the U15 division of the 2011 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League after outclassing the Docomo Rollers in the winner-take-all finals, 46-40, last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Players and coaches of Proa pose for a group photo with organizers and officials of the Rotary caging after their 46-40 title win over the Docomo Rollers last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

No Proa player broke into double figures in the finale, but Karlo De Leon's eight points, including his clutch three free throws, were enough to lift his team to the title win. Completing the newly crowed champion team are Jon Jon Capuyon, Chris Cepeda, Shane Deleon Guerrero, Ankie Manalili, Jacob and Tyler Palacios, Mark Puno, Ivan Sanarez, Jomari Smithee, Josh Villagomez, and Kobe Mendoza. Quincy Johnson coached Proa and Edsel Mendoza assisted him.

Both teams struggled offensively at the start of the title game, but Proa still had a slight edge as it drew six points from Kobe Mendoza for a 9-7 cushion.

Then in the second period, Jacob Palacios delivered a handful of baskets as Proa went ahead by seven at halftime, 22-15.

Docomo appeared out of sync in the first half as no one assumed the leadership role on

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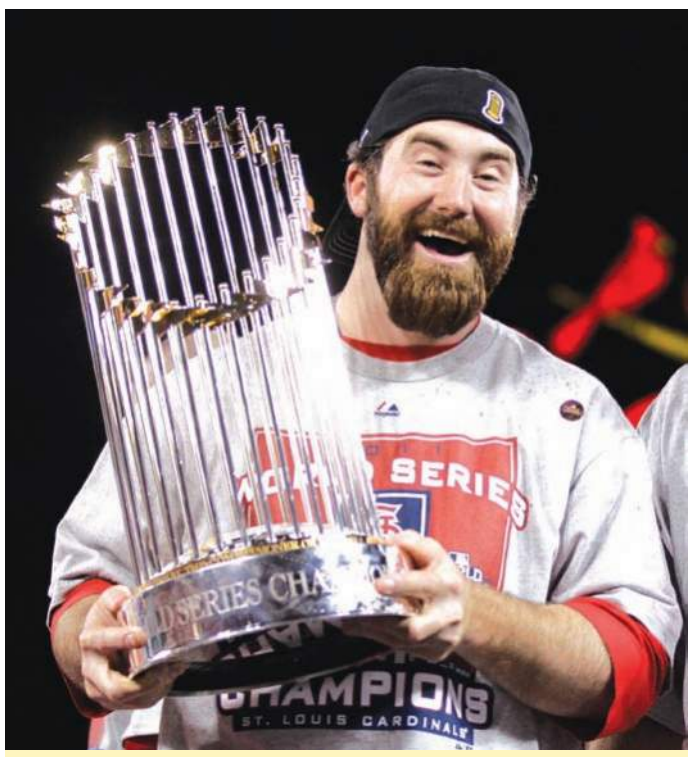

AP

St. Louis Cardinals' Jason Motte holds up the Commissioner's Trophy after baseball's World Series against the Texas Rangers Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, in St. Louis. The Cardinals won, 6-2, to win the series.

Cardinals cap improbable run to 11th championship

ST. LOUIS (AP)—David Freese swooped in, expecting Elvis Andrus(notes) to bunt. He did, but the ball trickled wide of the line.

The St. Louis third baseman scooped up the foul, scanned the crowd and spotted his target sitting near the Texas dugout: a man in the front row wearing a Rangers jacket, with a glove.

Freese flipped him the souvenir, drawing a big smile and making yet another friend in his hometown.

Then again, why not? There was plenty to share in this World Series.

Fan central

A Game 6 that ranked among baseball's greatest thrillers. A three-homer performance by Albert Pujols that's probably the best hitting show in postseason history. Ron Washington running in place, Tony La Russa reacting in dismay at a ball that got away. Everyone learning how to chant Nap-Oh-Lee!

Oh, and a Rally Squirrel on the scoreboard and a telephone mix-up in the bullpen.

"I told you it was going to be a great series—and it was," Texas slugger Josh Hamilton said.

Hamilton put Texas ahead with an RBI double in the first inning Friday night in Game 7. Freese and the Cardinals, however, would not be denied. A night after twice rallying when it was one strike from elimination, St. Louis came back to win the championship with a 6-2 victory.

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Mobil, Wushin prevail

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Mobil and Wushin recorded contrasting victories in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

In the battle of unbeaten teams in the first game, Mobil routed DFS Galleria, 95-78,

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Wushin's Roderick Tibayan, right, and Grillin' Rocyl Ritual battle for the rebound during the second quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.
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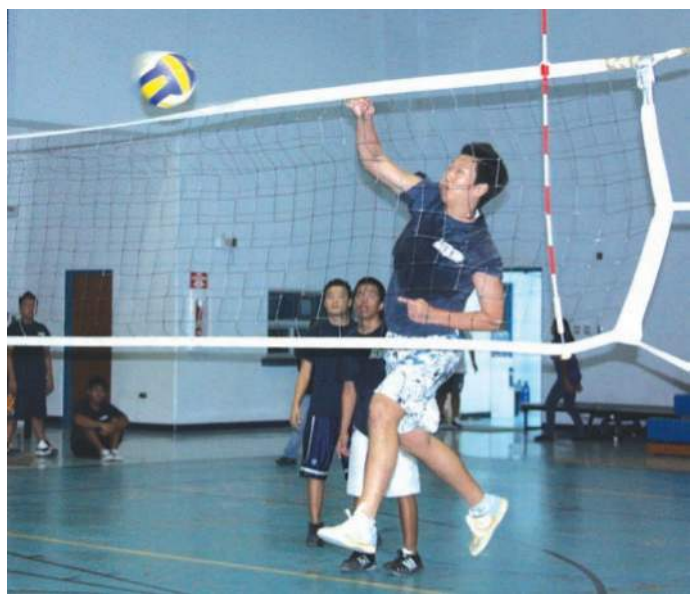
GCA still undefeated in boys volleyball



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Grace Christian Academy's Dae Min Jeon goes up for spike against Kagman High School during their game in the MISO volleyball league at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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Grace Christian Academy outlasted Kagman High School to remain undefeated in the 2011-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Volleyball League.

The GCA Eagles faced the Ayuyus last Friday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium and took the first set, 25-10, to move closer to their ninth win in as many games. In the second set, the Ayuyus recovered with a 25-19 victory to force a deciding third set.

GCA turned it on in the clutch and won the final set, 15-9, for a perfect 9-0 record. Kagman dropped to a 5-4 record and ended its five-game winning streak.

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